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## Business and traffic concern over J11 service station plan

By Samantha McGregor

PLANS for a new service station on the edge of Banbury have come in for intense criticism.

Monte Blackburn, known as Euro Garages, want to build industrial units, offices, an 80-bed hotel, petrol station, shops and food outlets as well as HGV parking on land between Daventry Road and M40, off junction 11 at Banbury, which will create many jobs.

Major concerns have been raised about the increase and impact traffic will have at the junction, that another service station is not needed on the M40 as there are already two nearby, and land is designated for business units and offices.

Both north Oxfordshire MP Victoria Prentis and South Northamptonshire MP Andrea Leadsom said they had received dozens of letters from residents who are against the proposal.

Among the objectors are the town council, Cherwell North District CPRE and South Northamptonshire District Council which said it was contrary to the local development plan, that the gap between Banbury and nearby villages would be eroded and it would have a negative visual impact.

Businesswoman Rosy Burke said the development was a "threat to

Banbury's prosperity".

She said: "If planning permission is given for this, traffic coming off the M40 (10,000 extra traffic movements daily) will seize up our precious junction and all the surrounding roads, backing up all over the town.

"This will mean our successful companies will not be able to efficiently receive and deliver their goods and may leave and new companies not come here."

Nigel Banks, chairman of Wardington Parish Council, said: "The result of a motorway services at Junction 11 would have catastrophic implications to traffic congestion at the Junction 11 roundabout.

"It barely copes at peak times now and totally fails to cope when unplanned events occur e.g. motorway accidents when diverted traffic can bring Banbury to a complete standstill."

He said the development would also "add significantly to the light pollution" in the area.

Banbury Chamber of Commerce chairman Nick Poole said: "We urge the council not to grant planning permission in this case, without first making provision for the long-term traffic and commercial needs of the town."

The application has yet to be decided.



### Pupil has designs on keeping children safe

YISABELLE Mistula's design will front up a new initiative to better protect young people after it was chosen as the logo

for the Safeguarding Children in Banbury group. The Blessed George Napier Catholic School pupil

was presented with an area commander's commendation by Superintendent Mark Johns. See page 5 for full story.

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## The cup that cheers

VOLUNTEERS were out in force to turn around Blue Monday using the restorative powers of a cup of tea.

Teams from Banbury and Oxford Samaritans offered passengers at the train stations a brew and help connect them on what is believed to be the most depressing day of the year - January 15.

A YouGov survey for the charity, which helps people who are going through a difficult time, revealed eight out of 10 people believe getting together for tea and a talk makes them feel better.



# Firefighters on standby to deliver school meals

By George Welch

THE county council is rallying its workers - including firefighters - following the collapse of one of the country's biggest facilities management companies.

Firefighters could be called upon to hand out school meals after Carillion, which provided school meals at 90 schools to 18,000 pupils across the county, went bust.

Oxfordshire County Council put the precautionary measure in place, pledging that children would be fed regardless and that all staff would be paid.

Alexandra Bailey, the council's director for property, assets and investment, said on Monday: "We expect school staff will be in work as normal today but if this doesn't happen

we will provide school lunches to schools needing support and the fire service are on standby to deliver them.

"We are confident no child will go hungry at school."

She added: "We thank schools for their support and understanding as we deal with the situation.

"I'd also like to thank staff for continuing to do a great job during a period of uncertainty and to reassure them that the county council will ensure staff are paid."

The council, which said it was already preparing for Carillion's collapse, has now taken full control of school services while the six main suppliers of school meals in the county will continue supplying schools.

Around 250 catering and cleaning staff employed by Carillion are used by the county council.

Most of the council's contracts with

Carillion are being transferred back in-house after its 10-year contract with the company was cut short last July.

Some subcontracted services were due to continue until March 31, including the delivery of school dinners, cleaning services and facilities management.

Carillion went into liquidation after talks between the firm, its lenders and the government broke down over the weekend.

Chairman of Carillion Philip Green said: "This is a very sad day for Carillion, for our colleagues, suppliers and customers that we have been proud to serve over many years.

"It is with the deepest regret that we have arrived at this decision.

"We understand that HM Government will be providing the necessary funding to maintain the public services carried on by Carillion staff, subcontractors and suppliers."

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## Walking in memory of a loved one

WALKERS enjoyed the picturesque settings of Blenheim Palace while paying tribute to a loved one.

Sobell Hospice welcomed in the new year with its fourth annual Winter Walk in

Woodstock on Sunday, inviting participants of all ages to take part and help raise funds.

A group from Long Hanborough were there to do their bit in memory of a close friend from the village who

## Crackdown on drugs: more police in city

EXTRA police on 'reassurance patrols' will be on duty as a month-long crackdown on drug dealing in Oxford city centre gets under way.

Officers will carry out a series of 'high visibility targeted patrols' aimed at halting deals and reassuring local residents.

Supported by extra officers and working alongside Oxford City Council, neighbourhood teams will seek to identify and arrest offenders.

Improved lighting, installing CCTV and cutting back foliage will also be considered at 'key' known problem areas.

Chief Inspector Marc Tarbit, deputy local policing area commander for Oxford, said: "Protecting people from the harm caused by drug dealing is a priority for us.

"The city centre neighbourhood team has worked hard over the last few months making arrests and executing warrants.

"The month of focussed action will build on this work and continue to support the local community. We want to make Oxford a hostile place for drug dealers."

The patrols come as part of TVP's ongoing Stronghold campaign, aimed at fighting organised crime.

Councillor Tom Hayes, board member for community safety at the city council, said catching drug dealers and Oxford's safety is the number one priority for the council.

Patrols began on Monday and will last for four weeks.

passed away last year.

All proceeds from the event were donated to the charity, which continues to work towards its target of raising an additional £4million to expand its services.

## Golfers club together to fight homes

A GROUP of golfers fear their 110-year-old course could close to make way for the development of 4,400 homes.

North Oxford Golf Club members have launched a campaign called GreenwayOxon, calling for 'fair play for our green way'.

Campaign representative Chris Pack said the land occupies a 'critical part' of the green belt, forming a green space between the built-up areas of Oxford and Kidlington.

He said: "For club members the consequences are the loss of an important and, for some, perhaps their only possible source of recreation.

"It would also mean that club members would no longer be a part of a club that they have belonged to for many years."

A spokesperson for Cherwell District Council said the council's adopted local plan concentrates housing growth at Banbury, Bicester, Upper Heyford and the villages.

They said the council has recently completed a consultation on a partial review of the local plan, which will be submitted before March 31, adding: "That review has been a staged process over two years, with extensive public consultation and the consideration of 47 submitted sites.

"The seven proposed sites are the ones which have been identified as best meeting Oxford's needs.

"These proposals will be considered in examination in 2018."

# Pioneering treatment gives hope to ill mum

By Eva Astreinidou

A MUM-of-three given a terminal diagnosis has seen her cancer reduced after "pioneering" new treatment in Turkey.

Sarah Day, 40, is currently in Istanbul undergoing immunotherapy, infusions and dendritic cell treatments – none of which is currently available in the UK.

As treatment is not available on the NHS Sarah has to raise a further £50,000 to enable her to complete the potentially life-saving treatment.

Her friends Debbie Ford, Heidi Kavanagh, Debbie Herring, Julia Fisher, Tracy Gorgen and Jem Fowler have rallied round to help raise the cash and have planned a host of events in the coming months.

Sarah, from Bicester, said: "I had a pet CT scan which showed all areas of cancer are smaller and responding to treatment with some gone entirely so great news at this halfway point.

"I would obviously like to thank anyone whose donated.

"Like I've always said I'm not important or special, I could be anyone's friend, sister, mother or daughter, cancer is that random and indiscriminate.

"I'm just a mum of three trying not to die. I hate asking people for money and naturally am very private but it's the only way I can raise the money for this pioneering treatment.

"I've seen countless people walk



Sarah Day with some of the friends who have been fundraising on her behalf

away from here in a state of remission having been told by the NHS they have no options left.

"It's both heart-breaking and empowering.

"When you have three little lives depending on you there is nothing you won't do. Being away from my children is hard, I missed two of their birthdays before Christmas and my feet barely touch the ground at home before I'm off again.

"But I hope I'm buying much more time and many more birthdays."

Among the events organised by Sarah's friends is a charity football match on Sunday, an Ann Summers

night on January 27 and a Valentine's ball at the Littlebury Hotel on Saturday, February 10.

Debbie Ford said: "Sarah is a fighter, she doesn't complain, and she is doing everything she can to fight for her life and be here for her children and boyfriend.

"Cancer has taken too many people I know, some still fighting; it's wrong that Sarah has to fund this herself and it's not available on the NHS, so we will continue to fight with her."

To find out more about the fundraising campaign go to [www.facebook.com/sarahdayfundraising/](http://www.facebook.com/sarahdayfundraising/)

## InBrief

### Car park study

WEST Oxfordshire District Council will carry out a feasibility study into adding a deck to Woolgate car park in Witney.

As reported last week, the council's cabinet discussed the town's largest car park as a potential location to accommodate some of the 600 new car parking places required to meet housing development at a meeting last Wednesday.

The study is expected to cost around £90,000, although the council has stressed the total cost cannot be accurately estimated at this time.

### £5k clothing theft

A MAN and a woman stole nearly £5,000 of designer clothing from Bicester Village.

Daniel Mir, 28, of Cavendish Road, London, and Saif Uddin, 27, of Alexandra Park Road, London, both admitted theft at an Oxford Crown Court hearing on November 11.

They took men's clothing from Ralph Lauren, Dolce & Gabbana and Gucci.

CCTV cameras captured them taking the items.

The pair were each made subject to a community order for 12 months to include 180 hours of unpaid work. They must also each pay a fine of £500 plus £210 in costs and a victim surcharge.

### Free job stands

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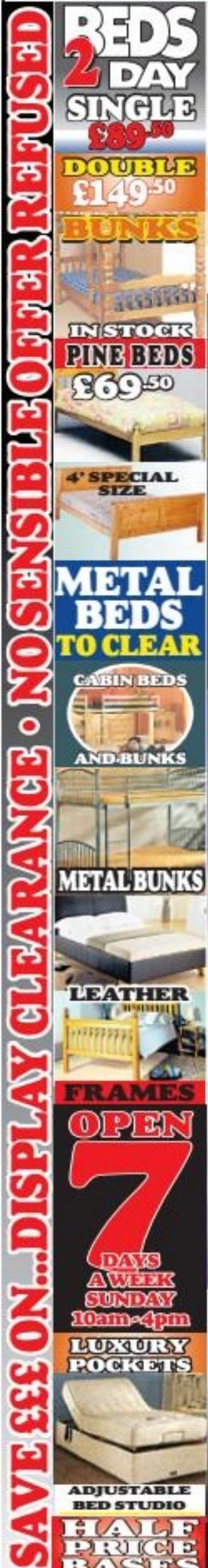
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# Community and health to benefit from 3G facility

By Eva Astreinidou

PLANS to transform a 17-year-old football pitch at a cost of £344,000 have been given the go ahead.

The existing pitch at Henry Box School, Witney, that was prone to waterlogging will be transformed into an improved all-weather 3G artificial grass pitch with new energy efficient LED fittings, new fencing and goals.

West Oxfordshire District Council secured £212,044 in funding from the Premier League and the FA through the FA Facilities Fund, with the remainder of the funds coming from the council and developer contributions.

If the funding is given the go-ahead by full council, work is due to be completed in Gordon Way by March.

The council's cabinet member for leisure and health, Jeanette Baker, said: "This will create a fantastic facility for footballers of all ages and abilities and will attract new players.

"It will play a major contribution in health and fitness both in the town and further afield."

The new pitch will be used by Henry Box pupils as well as players from Tower Hill FC, Witney Vikings Youth FC, Witney Wanderers FC and Duckington FC.

Following the approval, the local hockey club, which used the site one night a week, will instead use facilities at Wood Green School for training and competitions.

A spokesperson for Henry Box School said: "We are pleased and excited about the upgrade. It will help enhance the sporting experience for the children and the general community."

The Football Foundation, which delivers the FA facilities fund, has invested more than £1.4bn into grassroots sports through grants and attracting partnership funding.

The charity has previously awarded 163 grants across Oxfordshire towards grassroots sports projects worth £20.8m.

By providing high-quality facilities, along with coaching, the investment hopes to attract new players to the game.



Councillors Andrew Coles and Toby Morris with helium balloons and sky lantern remains which are a threat due to the uncertainty of where they land

## Lanterns ban over wildlife fears

NEW restrictions have been placed on the use of sky lanterns and helium balloons in west Oxfordshire due to concerns about their 'dangerous' threat to the environment and wildlife.

The district council announced last week it would no longer allow the use of sky lanterns (also known as Chinese lanterns) and helium balloons on council-owned land.

After reviewing evidence suggesting the potential harmful effects of lanterns and balloons to wildlife and livestock along with the fire risk, councillors supported the proposal.

Cllr Toby Morris, deputy leader of

the council, said: "There is growing evidence of the dangers to wildlife and the environment presented by the use of these apparently harmless items, the use of which has grown.

"We are sending a statement that highlights these risks and hope residents will follow our example and prevent their use."

Cllr Andrew Coles, who sits on the council's environment committee, is cited in council documents as saying it is "important for the council to make a symbolic statement for the benefit of farmers and the protection of the environment".



Cherwell District Council leader Kieron Mallon, Victoria Prentis MP and Superintendent Mark Johns judged the competition choosing the design, inset, from Ysabella Mistula as the winner

## Pupil's winning logo wows judges

A NEW initiative to better protect young people has a colourful new logo thanks to a Banbury student.

Thames Valley Police invited pupils from schools across the Cherwell area to design a logo for the newly-established Safeguarding Children In Banbury Group.

Superintendent Mark Johns visited the competition winner, Ysabella Mistula, a pupil at Blessed George Napier Catholic School, to present her with an area commander's commendation.

The logo contest judging panel included north Oxfordshire MP Victoria Prentis, Cllr Kieron



Mallon and Superintendent Johns. As well as Ysabella, two runner-up prizes were awarded.

Mrs Prentis said: "Safeguarding children is such an important issue, so I was really pleased that Thames Valley Police ran a competition to get young people involved, and raise awareness.

"Selecting a winner was a tricky decision as there were some very

creative designs but Ysabella's logo really stood out.

"I look forward to seeing the Banbury group use it and hope the initiative goes from strength to strength."

The Safeguarding Children In Banbury Group is made up of primary and secondary schools, as well as community support service teams, police and other agencies.

The group's aim is to get schools to work collaboratively to identify and deliver suitable content on issues, such as child sexual exploitation, across all schools at the same time.

## InBrief

### Volunteers needed

AN Oxfordshire pet charity is appealing for volunteers to help out at their Chipping Norton shop.

Blue Cross shops raise money for thousands of unwanted and sick pets cared for by the charity's rehoming centres and hospitals every year.

Volunteer opportunities range from customer service to window display roles.

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### The Leys revamp

BETTER tennis courts, a new mini golf course, and an upgraded café will soon be available at The Leys.

Towards the end of last year, Witney Town Council's sports and recreation committee agreed on a range of investment packages for sports activities at the site.

The investment, made possible by collaborating with partner organisation Parks Tennis CIC, will involve a range of improvements and updates to existing facilities.

This includes a new look for the tennis courts, four mini courts for families and a new adventure golf course.

The Coffee Shed will also be extending its programme of community activities and events.

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# Maternity services referral welcomed

By Samantha McGregor

THE decision to downgrade maternity services at Banbury's Horton Hospital has been referred to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel.

Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt referred the matter last week after pressure from north Oxfordshire MP Victoria Prentis.

Last summer Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group decided to permanently close consultant-led services at the hospital and run a midwife only service.

But the move came in for criticism from residents, campaigners and politicians from across the political spectrum.

The referral comes after a failed High Court bid for a judicial review over the OCCG decision.

The OCCG decision was referred to the Secretary of State for Health in August by the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

It is the second time a decision over changes at the hospital have been dealt with by the IRP.

In 2008 when the Banbury hospital was facing the removal of acute services, it found in favour of campaigners.

Campaigners have welcomed the decision and say they hope the panel will once again back local people.

Mrs Prentis said: "I am pleased the Secretary of State has agreed to pass the decision to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel for consideration.

"It is with regret that we find ourselves in a similar position to 2008, when the IRP were last asked to look at maternity provision at the Horton General Hospital.

"The IRP is the independent expert on NHS service change; it takes into account all available evidence in order to advise the Secretary of State on contested proposals.

"I have no doubt that they will look at this matter properly, and am hopeful that they will agree to undertake a full investigation."

Cllr Kieron Mallon, a longstanding Banbury councillor and campaigner for the Horton, said: "For those of us who were

involved in 2008 we think it is right and proper for the Secretary of State to refer this on.

"We are all hopeful that the Independent Reconfiguration Panel will investigate this fully as they did the previous referral."

Banbury Labour group leader Sean Woodcock said it was the "right" decision.

He said: "In 2008 the IRP made the correct decision to retain consultant-led maternity services at the Horton. Now I hope this same panel will show the same wisdom and make a decision that is truly in the interests of expectant mothers in and around Banbury."

Charlotte Bird of Keep the Horton General campaign, said: "The IRP's findings in 2008 were emphatic.

"Oxford is too far for women in labour to travel.

"Since nothing has changed, except that the journey takes longer and the population has increased, it would be extremely disappointing if Lord Ribeiro [the chairman] were to go against that decision."

## Home found for new loneliness hub

A NEW service launched to combat loneliness for people in Didcot will hold its first meeting next week.

Charity worker Chloe Prior and town councillor James Hart have found a location for a hub to provide sanctuary and a hot cuppa to those feeling lonely or in need of support.

Step by Step will extend its helping hand for the first time on Monday, with sessions to be based at food surplus organisation SOFEA, based at Trident Business Park.

Meetings will take place every Monday and Wednesday between 9am and 3pm.

Miss Prior, 18, from East Hendred, said: "I'm in shock – I didn't expect it to come around

this quickly. I didn't expect it to happen at all."

Cllr Hart added: "I'm really, really happy because it means there's a place for [vulnerable] people in Didcot.

"This is going to be open to anybody and everybody. Nobody is left out of this.

"I'm chuffed we've succeeded in this."

Didcot charity shop Changing Lives, where Miss Prior works, will help provide a mini bus from Didcot to the business park, located near the power stations.

The pair thanked SOFEA and said they could not have set up the group without their help.

For more information email [stepbystep1f@yahoo.com](mailto:stepbystep1f@yahoo.com) or call Cllr Hart at 07759 4659669.



Chloe Prior with Changing Lives volunteer Kevin

## BBC journalist's stalker jailed for making contact

A STALKER who harassed BBC journalist Emily Maitlis for more than two decades has been put back behind bars after contacting his victim while still in prison.

Edward Vines, 47, of Clares Row, Oxford, was sentenced to three years and nine months at Oxford Crown Court on Tuesday on two counts of breaching his restraining order.

The BBC Newsnight presenter said in a statement read to the court that she felt "scared" and "jumpy" after living with the constant threat from her obsessive stalker.

She wrote: "It has affected my ability to do my work, what time I feel able to come home at night (I work late nights often). It also makes me jumpy around strangers for no reason as I fear any advance might be him."

Vine met Ms Maitlis at Cambridge University when they were students.

He was first convicted of harassment in 2002 and issued with an indefinite restraining order in 2009, which he breached when contacting Ms Maitlis from prison and again while living in a bail hostel on licence.

Judge Peter Ross described the repeated contact as "psychological torture" and gave the Probation Service and governor at HMP Bullingdon 10 days to provide a written explanation as to how the contact had been possible.

# Couple forged signatures on shirts in a £1m scam

By Owen Hughes

A BANBURY con man has been found guilty of forging signed football memorabilia in a scheme that netted more than £1million over a nine-year period.

Premier League footballer Wayne Rooney was brought into the investigation to prove that replica shirts bearing the former Manchester United striker's signature were all fake.

David Rennie, 46, was found guilty of running a fraudulent business and transferring criminal property at Bournemouth Crown Court on Friday following a four-day trial.

His wife Clare Rennie, 45, who ran the business with David from his home in Banbury, pleaded guilty at the court on Monday, January 8 to identical charges.

Their online company, FA Premier Signings, sold more than 4,500 pieces of autographed football memorabilia complete with fake authentication certificates between 2007 and 2016.

Names of top stars such as Cristiano Ronaldo, Lionel Messi and England's record goal scorer Rooney adorned shirts, balls and boots sold by the business to fund the couple's lavish lifestyle, including long holidays in



Florida and luxury cars.

Officers raided David Rennie's home in January 2016 after a complaint was made to Dorset County Council's Trading Standards about a shirt that had been bought by someone in the county.

Large quantities of unsigned football shirts were discovered that compared with those advertised on the FA Premier Signings website.

Neil Martin, the principal trading standards officer leading the investigation, said: "To gather evidence in this case we have had to contact a number of FA Premier Signings' customers to tell them the

items they purchased are fake and as such are worthless.

"This is after they have spent upwards of £150 for a single signed shirt to over £700 for a squad signed shirt.

"There are a number of genuine memorabilia businesses that spend a lot of time and money ensuring that the items they supply are genuine.

"We are very grateful to some of these companies who helped us with this case and gave evidence in court to explain how this specialist market operates."

The Rennies have been released on bail and will be sentenced on February 16 at Bournemouth Crown Court.

## Pensioner left distressed as her bag stolen

AN Abingdon pensioner was left 'distressed' after a thief approached her from behind and snatched her handbag.

Thames Valley Police are appealing for witnesses following the robbery, which happened on Tuesday last week at 9.30am in Bath Street.

The victim, a 76-year-old woman, was walking along the street when a man approached her from behind and grabbed her handbag from over her shoulder.

The bag is square, black leather and about eight inches by five inches with three horizontal zips on the front. It had a long shoulder strap.

The bag, not yet recovered, could have been discarded nearby.

Officers described the offender as 5ft 10ins to 6ft tall, slim and wearing a green and black camouflage jacket which was thigh length. He was wearing a grey knitted hat.

The victim was not injured but was left shaken.

Investigating officer, Sergeant Rachel Carter, said the incident "was very distressing for the victim".

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A 49-year-old man from Abingdon has been arrested on suspicion of theft and has been released under investigation.

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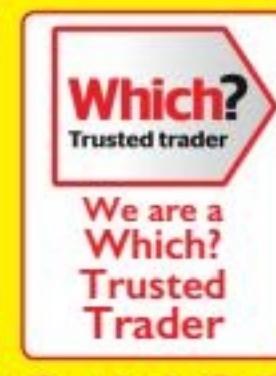
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## News

## Help to light up Oxford streets with strangers

PEOPLE in Oxford will be able to recreate the night sky to light up dark and gloomy streets in the city with the help of strangers.

A new campaign called Star Light, Star Bright is launching today, inviting people in the city to map constellations of stars using newly installed step activated lights.

The first of its kind, the Smart Oxford Playable City project has been commissioned by Oxford City Council to turn the city into a fun shared experience for visitors.

This comes as members of the community were invited to submit distinctive ideas to respond to the theme Shared City, with the aim of connecting strangers through a shared moment.

Created by Hellion Trace, the project will be set in seven locations.

Laura Kriefman, founder of Hellion Trace and creator of Star Light, Star Bright, said: "Star Light, Star Bright draws attention to the connections between the streets of Oxford and the people of Oxford as individuals achieving something together, strangers meeting in the winter darkness to create light and connection."

As winners of the award chosen by a judging panel, Hellion Trace received £30,000 and guidance to help realise their ideas.

# Drink and drug driving arrests go up 9 per cent

By Eva Astreinidou

A CRACKDOWN on drink and drug driving over the Christmas period led to a total of more than 340 arrests across the Thames Valley area.

Figures from Operation Holly show nearly a nine per cent increase in the number of drivers caught under the influence.

In Thames Valley, 347 drivers were caught with alcohol or drugs in their system, in contrast to last year's total figure of 316.

The campaign, which ran throughout Thames Valley and Hampshire, led to 601 arrests overall.

The operation saw 352 charged and a further 175 released under further investigation across the two areas.

Sergeant Rob Heard, from the Roads Policing Joint Operations Unit, said: "Our commitment in roads policing is unwavering towards preventing the distress and misery caused by driving under the influence of drink or drugs.

"Such behaviour on our roads

has far-reaching effects not just for the impaired driver, but for any innocent road users affected by their destructive decisions.

"The lives of individuals and their families can be torn apart through a combination of physical, psychological and legal consequences.

"Too many people continue to be complacent about the realities of road deaths and serious injuries. That's why we want everyone to be clear about their responsibilities, and have respect for each other on the road.

"Our message is simple – don't mix drink or drugs with driving – it's not worth the risk."

The operation ran for a month from December 1, 2017 throughout Thames Valley and Hampshire and was a combination of high visibility patrols, covert operations and intelligence-led policing aimed at targeting persistent offenders and drink and drug drivers.

More than three quarters of those arrested were male, with the highest offending age group across the two regions aged 21 to 30 - far greater than any other age group.



Some of the damage done to Bicester Green during the break-in

## Donors help break-in appeal

A CHARITY is already more than halfway towards replacing items stolen after a break-in.

Sustainability and skills charity Bicester Green, based in The Garth, off Launton Road, was broken into, its workshop was vandalised and items stolen, just weeks before Christmas.

Its trustees launched a £2,000 Crowdfunding appeal to pay to repair the damage, buy a new till and install CCTV cameras.

So far donations have reached £1,420, including a £500 donation from Phil, who said: "Best of luck with the project".

Bicester Green share skills, teach unemployed people new skills and volunteers repair or convert second-

hand items into usable products saving it from landfill.

Trustee Lewis Knight said: "We're overwhelmed with the support we have received from the people of Oxfordshire and also a number of businesses who have helped out.

"A special thanks must go to the mysterious donor, Phil.

"This support has allowed us to re-open our doors and carry on with the great work that we do.

"We would love to reach our goal, so any further help anyone can provide is gratefully received."

Police have appealed for witnesses, anyone with information should call police on 101 quoting 43170373679.

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# Call to re-open 30-bed community hospital

**Supporters asked to write to MPs and councils**

By Owen Hughes

CAMPAIGNERS fighting to save a community hospital are appealing for support to re-open it.

The group feel "let down" by a lack of action from Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

Originally the OCCG's Big Health and Care Consultation was due to run in autumn 2016, but the second phase covering community hospitals has still not taken place, leaving the future of Wantage's health service in limbo.

Councillor Jenny Hannaby, chairman of the Wantage Hospitals League of Friends, said the people of Wantage, Grove and surrounding areas have "been let down" and that "it's about time that OCCG did something".

She added: "It's been well over a year since the hospital has been closed, and part two of the consultation that we were promised in October 2016 still hasn't taken place."

Oxfordshire Health NHS Foundation Trust closed the 12 beds at the hospital to in-patients in July



Jenny Hannaby has called for action over the future of Wantage hospital 2016 after raised levels of legionella had been detected in the hot water system.

The physio unit has also since been closed at the site, leaving only the maternity service open.

Clr Hannaby said: "We're pleased that the maternity unit is still thriving, and the Wantage Hospitals League of Friends are still in touch with them and helping them, because we want to keep it open."

"But a few weeks ago I asked Oxfordshire Health NHS Foundation Trust if the Wantage Hospital could be opened again to help with their winter pressures of flu, but I have had no reply. It's a 30-bed hospital and it's sat there doing nothing."

"There are millions being spent on bed blocking, and it just seems a not a very well managed situation when you have a community hospital doing nothing."

"If they spent the money that they put aside on re-instating the hospital – which they say is about £350,000 – and put the beds back in, I'm sure there would have been a saving against what they're having to spend out on bed blocking."

She added: "We have re-asked on Facebook if people can write to MPs and the council and let them know how valued the hospital is."

League members met in October last year to discuss the possibility of buying the hospital for around £1.2 million to keep the facility open.

Full closure of the service could lead to care being moved into local nursing home beds.



RAF Brize Norton personnel helped raise £880 for Helen & Douglas House  
Picture: Sharron Floyd, MOD Crown Copyright

## Miles make smiles at spin-a-thon

SIXTEEN members of crew from RAF Brize Norton clocked up the miles to raise an impressive £880 for charity.

The team held a spin-a-thon challenge at Sainsburys in Witney in aid of Helen & Douglas House.

A spokesperson for the charity which helps families and children with terminal illnesses, said: "Thank you very much for your fantastic support RAF Brize Norton, we're very grateful for your time.

"Every penny, every smile you

help us raise, makes a big difference to the lives of terminally ill children and young adults."

The event took place from 9am to 5pm on Monday, with the crew attempting to "travel" as long a distance as possible.

The personnel split up into two teams and competed to see who could achieve the greatest distance - Team A managed to win the event, covering a total distance of 251.8 km while Team B managed 245.7 km.

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## News

# Call to join in rubbish conversation

By George Welch

RESIDENTS across Oxfordshire are encouraged to talk rubbish and recycling by advising the county's six councils on how they can help them create less waste.

Oxfordshire, which produces a tonne of waste every year, has been one of the top counties at recycling and composting for a few years.

But the percentage of household waste across the county sent for reuse, recycling or composting has started to drop – and the councils want your help to reverse the trend.

According to data from WasteDataFlow, which reports local authority data on waste to the government, Oxfordshire's figures decreased from 58.5 per cent in 2015/16 to 57.7 per cent in 2016/17.

In response, the county council has taken a look at alternative recycling

schemes in other authorities, including changing bin sizes and collection frequency.

Cllr Yvonne Constance, cabinet member for environment at the county council, said: "We want to help residents to increase the amount they recycle and have looked around at what other councils are doing."

"We are interested in which of these the residents of Oxfordshire think may work for them as we seek to minimise the overall amount of residual waste produced in the county."

The consultation will contribute to the countywide waste strategy, which covers up to 2030 and will be approved in the summer. Each council will then adopt changes later in the year.

Three of Oxfordshire's council's –

South (third), West (fourth), and the Vale

of White Horse (fifth) – are in the top five

local authorities in England for reusing, recycling and composting waste.



Vale councillor Charlotte Dickson and Biffa operations manager Ian Gillott with one of South and Vale's new trucks promoting recycling

However, SODC and the Vale fell by around two per cent on the previous year, while WODC, Cherwell and Oxford City all improved.

Cllr John Tanner, executive board member for a clean and green Oxford at the city council said: "Oxford city is

bucking the trend because our recycling rate is going up. But with half of Oxford's refuse recycled, we can still learn from other Oxfordshire councils."

To take part in the survey, which is open until February 18, visit [www.recycleforoxfordshire.org.uk](http://www.recycleforoxfordshire.org.uk).

## Appeal for dashcam footage from fatal M40 crash

POLICE are re-appealing for dashcam footage from the night of a fatal crash on the M40 in which two people were killed.

Oxford University historian Dr Mark Whittow, 60, died along with a 29-year-old man from Warwickshire as a result of the multi-car collision at around 11pm on December 23.

Five cars were involved in the incident on the northbound stretch

of the motorway between Bicester and Banbury.

Thames Valley Police, the ambulance service, fire service and Highways England all attended.

Investigating officer Police Constable Linzi Turner, from the Joint Operations Unit for Roads Policing, said: "We are re-appealing for anyone who may have dashcam footage to come forward to police."

"Anyone who was travelling northbound on the M40 that evening may have footage which could aid our investigation. We continue to appeal to anyone who witnessed the collision and has not yet spoken to officers to please contact us."

Call the 24-hour Thames Valley Police enquiry centre on 101 quoting URN 1669 (23/12) to send your dashcam footage.



Dr Mark Whittow

## Commuter's bid to travel on 33 buses in one day

AN experienced commuter took on the challenge of travelling on 33 different bus routes earlier this week.

Adham Fisher, 32, was given a free bus pass by the Oxford Bus Company to complete the journeys, with the aim of trying out the buses and giving feedback to the company.

After completing the task on Tuesday, Mr Fisher gave a talk on his experience at the Oxford Bus Company's customer travel lounge in Gloucester Green the following day.

Speaking on Tuesday, Oxford Bus Company managing director, Phil Southall, said: "We're looking forward to hosting Adham and he is the talk of the depot."

"Adham has done many of the major cities around the world and so Oxford, as one of the beautiful and iconic visitor destinations in the UK, was a logical choice."

Over the years Mr Fisher, from Leicester, has attempted to complete the fastest journeys on 35 transport networks around the globe.

Mr Southall added: "It's brilliant to see such enthusiasm for bus travel and as an experienced traveller we are looking forward to hearing his feedback on our service."

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## News

## Live sessions to help stars of the future

ASPIRING musicians will get the chance to demonstrate their talents alongside Oxford based artists at soon-to-be-arranged live lounge sessions.

SAE Oxford, a creative media institution in Littlemore, is calling on bands and singer-songwriters to collaborate with its students.

The aim is to give the youngsters the chance to get involved in professional projects.

The up-and-coming musicians will be able to record and mix the live performances in SAE's studios.

At the same time, the artists will be able to use the high-tech facilities and get further exposure through various channels.

They will also receive a free video copy of their performance to use for promotion.

Mike Hill, audio production lecturer, said: "The live lounge offers local artists the chance to record their music in a way that genuinely represents the live performance.

"They can share the session with their fans and even send it to music promoters to help secure their next gig."

Those interested should send links of their work to Dani Bonventure at d.bonventure@sae.edu

Dates to be confirmed.

# Student accommodation a tribute to ex-principal

By Eva Astreinidou

GROUND has been broken on a new student accommodation building named after a late Oxford University principal.

The Catherine Hughes building will provide 68 bedrooms for Somerville College students, allowing for the accommodation of all its undergraduates on site.

Performed by Mrs Hughes' husband, the ground-breaking ceremony last week was a proud moment in memory of the former principal, who held the position from 1989 to 1996.

Property consultants Bidwells, the team's project managers, and Oxford-based construction firm, Beard, joined Dr Trevor Hughes as he officially started the construction phase of work on the new building.

Andrew Parker, treasurer at Somerville College, said: "We know that this [building] will bring our Somerville community even closer together. It will also offer a significant benefit for applicants choosing Somerville, and will be particularly important to those who might otherwise be deterred by the cost of having to live out for a year.

"It is especially fitting that our new building should be named



Dr Trevor Hughes digs the first earth on the site of the new building watched by Chris Clover (Bidwells), Joanna Innes (fellow and tutor in English), Andrew Parker (treasurer), Adam Price (Beard) and Steve Johnson (Somerville College)

for Catherine Hughes, who had a particular interest in the intellectual development and wellbeing of students and we are proud to honour her in this way."

Chris Clover, partner at Bidwells, said: "[We are] honoured to be involved in marking the legacy of such an important figure in Somerville College's history and we very much look forward to taking this project to

the next stage of its development."

Richie Carter, contracts manager at Beard, said: "We're delighted to be starting construction and look forward to working with Oxford University's Somerville College and Bidwells in the delivery of this exciting and challenging project."

The building on Walton Street is scheduled for completion in October 2019.

By Samantha McGregor

LUCY Walker knows all about fund raising because it's her job – this year she will experience it first-hand.

The 27-year-old community fundraiser is taking on her own challenge by trekking the Great Wall of China later this year and hopes to raise £3,600.

And what better than to raise money for a charity that is close to her heart – her employer, Helen & Douglas House, which supports families with terminally ill children and young adults.

Now Lucy, from Bicester, is urging other people to join her on the 50km trek, which takes place from October 27 to November 4.

Lucy said: "I've been so touched by the incredible work that Helen & Douglas House does for terminally ill children and their families that I just felt compelled to do something for them.

"I've especially been touched by the families that I work with so closely, who despite going through the unimaginable are determined to raise funds and awareness of Helen & Douglas House.

"These local families face massive challenges everyday so the least I can do is take on this challenge to help them."

Stretching over 5,500 miles the Great Wall of China is the longest human-made structure on the planet, and has a history dating back more than 2,000 years.

The Helen & Douglas House trek will take in the Gubeikou to Simatai

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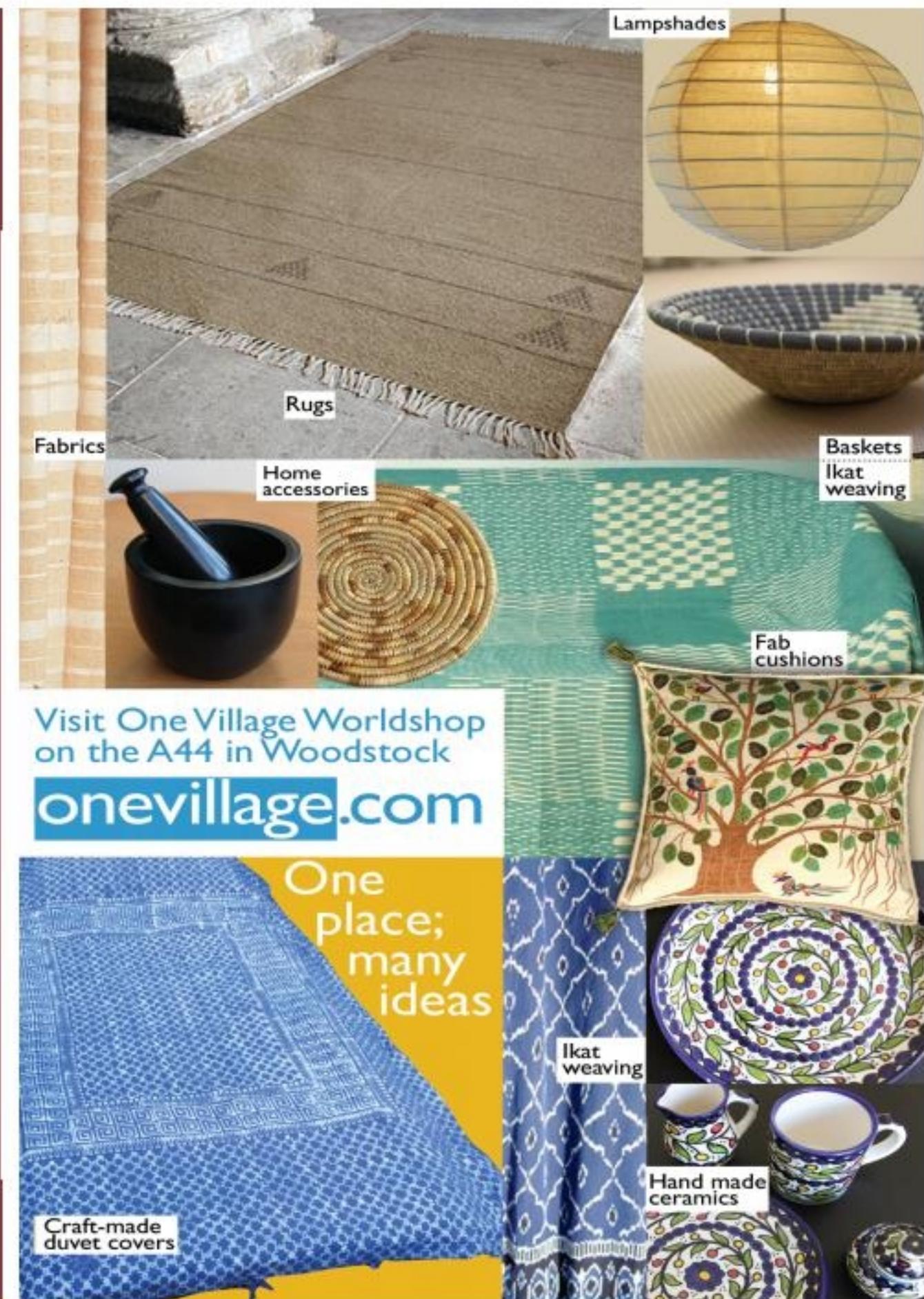
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# Lucy proves she's a Walker with Great Wall challenge



route, which features some of the most stunning views of the wall and the surrounding rolling hills.

Across five days Lucy will trek through remote villages and towns navigating a mix of bumpy paths and steep, uneven steps, and will finish

with a visit to Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City.

Lucy said: "On a personal level I've never done anything quite like this before and I really am looking forward to having something to focus on and work towards."

"I've committed to a healthy eating plan to lose weight and an exercise programme to make sure I'm as prepared as possible."

To help raise money she's hosting a womens clothing sale, will sell handmade Valentine items and

through car boot sales.

For more information about the trek join an information evening at Helen & Douglas House, in East Oxford, on Monday at 6.30pm. For more information call 01865 799150, or go to hdh.org.uk.

**£12k for dinner and photo with David Cameron**

FORMER Prime Minister David Cameron has been featured in promotional material in China advertising dinner and a picture with the former Witney MP – for £12,000.

The adverts appeared on social media in China showing Mr Cameron next to a price tag of 109,800 renminbi, or about £12,000, for "dinner and a pic".

The former Conservative Party leader was in China for the Shanghai International Ball and Leaders' Forum, which took place last week.

Mr Cameron also met President Xi Jinping during his trip.

As prime minister, Mr Cameron hosted President Xi during a state visit to the UK in 2015 to improve relations between the two countries.

In December last year it was announced the former MP would be taking on a new role leading a UK government-backed investment initiative between Britain and China.

The £750million fund for the initiative, which won't involve any taxpayer's money, is designed to develop ancient trade routes through China to Europe, developing ports, roads and rail networks.

Mr Cameron stepped down from his role as MP in September 2016 shortly after resigning as prime minister following his defeat in the EU referendum.

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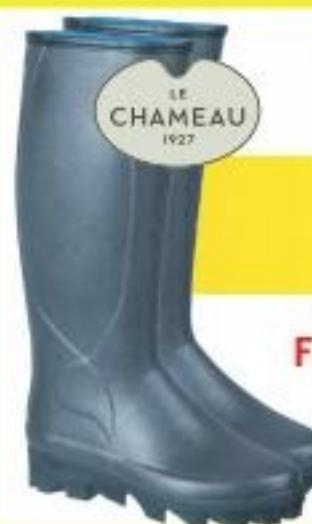
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## Tackling issue of isolation via social media

A NEW research project will look at whether or not sharing photos on social media can help reduce feelings of loneliness in older people.

The study between Oxford Brookes University and The Open University focused on people aged 60 or over, to see how social media can enhance their wellbeing and reduce social isolation.

Participants will complete an online questionnaire about their experiences sharing photos online, and will also be invited to join groups to discuss why and how they share images and what perceived benefits they derive from doing so.

Co-led by Professor Shailey Minocha of the Open University and Dr Sarah Quinton at Oxford Brookes University, the project is supported by Age UK Milton Keynes.

Dr Sarah Quinton, senior lecturer in marketing at Oxford Brookes said: "Through this study we will explore the perceived value of photo sharing online in tackling social isolation and loneliness in older people but also its benefits on people's wellbeing and cognitive function."

The results of the research project are expected in the summer.

To complete the survey visit [tinyurl.com/y7rj78r8](http://tinyurl.com/y7rj78r8).



COUNTING calories and burning fat could get a little easier for Oxfordshire residents as a free weight loss programme gets under way.

Oxfordshire County Council has partnered with healthy lifestyle provider Thrive Tribe to deliver free programmes to help people aged over 16 lose weight and get in shape across 50 locations in the county.

The programmes that are available include free vouchers for 12-week sessions with Weight Watchers or Slimming World, or directly with six month Achieve Healthy Weight Loss Oxfordshire.

Also available is a weekly men's only 'Man v Fat' football league weight loss initiative, where players can earn points before stepping on the pitch according to how many pounds the team have shed.

Around 600 people have already signed up to the county-wide service which started in September and in the first two months achieved a total 645lbs of weight loss.

Councillor Hilary Hibbert Biles, cabinet member for public health and education, said: "Losing weight can reduce your risk of some potentially serious health problems such as heart

disease, type 2 diabetes, strokes or cancer as well as simply raise your self-esteem and help you enjoy life better.

"Most people who need to lose weight can get health benefits from losing even a small amount – about five per cent – of their weight if they keep it off."

Hannah Pearce, head of service for Achieve Healthy Weight Loss Oxfordshire, said: "The new year is a key time for people to take action to reduce their weight and we're here to help them achieve their goals."

Details of the free-to-use service can be found at [www.achieveoxfordshire.org.uk](http://www.achieveoxfordshire.org.uk)

## Ofsted finds teaching and safety inadequate

By Eva Astreinidou

A PRIMARY school in Carterton has been ranked as 'inadequate' by an education watchdog.

St Joseph's the Great Catholic School, owned by Dominic Barberi Multi Academy Company, was given the poor grading in a report released last week, falling from its last inspection where it was rated as 'good'.

Ofsted inspectors who attended the school in November said procedures to keep children safe are not routinely followed by school leaders and that pupils are not sufficiently challenged in their learning.

This comes as the school trust has been criticised by parents, following the unexplained departure of the principal and vice principal at St Greg's in Oxford, which was placed under special measures after it was also rated 'inadequate'.

Ofsted's new report for St Joseph's states: "Representatives of the school committee are very enthusiastic and committed to their roles.

"Due to the lack of training and support [from DBMAC], however, they are not yet skilled enough in checking the impact of their own policies and leaders' actions with any rigour."

It adds: "Leaders have not taken the necessary steps to address under performance in teaching. They have not provided effective feedback, training and support to improve the quality of teaching. Any actions they have taken to improve pupils' attainment and progress in writing and mathematics have been implemented too slowly."

In regards to safety at the school, which teaches children aged three to 11, the report said: "Inspectors observed staff leaving children unsupervised, potentially putting them at risk of harm."

In 2013 the 165-pupil primary was rated good in all categories, three months after joining the academy.

But the new report deems three of five areas 'inadequate' and the other two as 'requires improvement'.

The report did highlight improvements in attendance, and praised teachers for forging 'positive, caring relationships'.

While the majority of DBMAC's schools are rated 'good', St Joseph's and St Greg's both now carry the label of 'inadequate'.

David Forster, chair of directors at DBMAC, said a new headteacher was appointed in September and the trust has recently appointed a new deputy head and governors.

He added: "A recent audit of the school's safeguarding policies and procedures has found these to be robust and its new safeguarding team is working to ensure we keep the school environment safe and secure for all pupils."

## Estate next in line for litter blitz and clear-up campaign

THE Bure Park estate in Bicester is set to get a blitz in the latest clean-up campaign by Cherwell District Council.

Council officers will clear litter, graffiti and fly-tipping across the

estate during next week.

Residents can take advantage of discounted recycling bins and 100 free bulky waste collections will be up for grabs.

Cllr Debbie Pickford, Cherwell's

lead member for clean and green, said: "The Bure Park area is one of the prettiest in Bicester and it will be great to see it get some extra attention from our street cleansing team."

## InBrief

### Is Uffington best?

AN Oxfordshire village has been shortlisted in Channel 4's latest TV competition.

Uffington, near Wantage, is one of 76 villages across the country that will make its screen debut on Tuesday at 3pm.

The historic hamlet nestled in the shadow of the famous White Horse Hill and the Ridgeway is the only Oxfordshire village featuring in the series Village of the Year presented by actress Penelope Keith and Great British Sewing Bee judge Patrick Grant.

If the judges like what they see, Uffington will go through to the South East semi final to be shown on January 27 in the prime-time slot of 8pm.

The competition's grand final will be screened on February 10 at 8pm.

### Air views on rail line

A THIRD series of consultations over plans for the East West Rail link is under way.

People can find out more about changes to the project at Launton Sports and Social Club, Bicester Road, Launton, tomorrow from 12pm to 8pm.

The East West Rail project is working to join Oxford to Milton Keynes and eventually Cambridge, via Bicester Village Station.

For more information view [networkrail.co.uk/east-west-rail](http://networkrail.co.uk/east-west-rail)

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Sky Sports presenter Dave Clark is encouraging people to join the walk

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It might not be until September but those interested are urged to sign up as soon as possible, with Parkinson's UK launching Walk for Parkinson's 2018 last week.

Hundreds of walkers descended on Oxford last year to raise £33,540 – and the charity wants to improve that figure this year.

Sky Sports presenter and 'champion

of walking' for Parkinson's UK, Dave Clark, was diagnosed with the disease in 2011 and is promoting the event.

A keen walker himself, Dave said: "We want to make 2018 our biggest year yet."

"I'd like to invite everyone, whatever their level of fitness, to take advantage of the many different types of walks, scenic routes and distances available."

"Every step takes us closer to a cure and our goal of improving the lives of everyone affected by Parkinson's."

The sign up fee for the September 23 event is £10 for adults and £5 for under 16s.

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# House to be returned to council after drug activity

By George Welch

AN Oxford council house will be handed back to the city after nearly eight years of 'serious and persistent' anti-social behaviour.

Oxford City Council won a court case to take back the Lake Street home from tenant John Mundy, 51, at Oxford County Court on January 4.

Drug taking, suspected drug dealing and rowdy visitors have been reported by neighbours on multiple occasions since Mr Mundy moved into the property in 2010.

The city council said it offered Mr Mundy "every opportunity to change the behaviour at the property," due to concerns over his vulnerability.

Despite a closure order on the property from April last year being

extended to September, problems continued.

An injunction stopping a man who had been threatening Mr Mundy from contacting him was also taken out in August last year.

However, issues have continued and Mr Mundy will now be evicted.

He has until February 8 to give up the property, at which point it will be returned to the council's 7,800-strong council housing stock.

Councillor Tom Hayes, executive board member for community safety, said: "We have spent years working with the tenant in an effort to change the serious anti-social behaviour that had been taking place at his property but, despite every effort from the city council, the behaviour continued.

"This case shows that reporting

anti-social behaviour can lead to safe neighbourhoods.

"The neighbours who came forward to report the anti-social behaviour taking place at this property... protected their community's interests and set an example to others that reporting anti-social behaviour can protect neighbourhoods across the city."

To report visible signs of drug taking or drug dealing, contact Thames Valley Police on 101.

To report discarded needles, which the city council will remove within an hour during office hours and two hours out of office hours, visit: [tinyurl.com/ybsxskszu](http://tinyurl.com/ybsxskszu)

Contact [saferoxford@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:saferoxford@oxford.gov.uk) to report anti-social behaviour at council houses.

## Dancers position themselves for a masterclass with a ballet maestro

ASPIRING dancers and ballet enthusiasts from across Oxfordshire took part in masterclasses led by an international star of the art.

Former principal dancer of the English National Ballet Matz Skoog gave the classes to dancers at Aureus School in Didcot earlier this month.

The Swedish-born dancer went into teaching after his performing days came to an end in 1995 and told dancers at the classes organised by Downland Dance that "I don't teach how to dance, I teach how to be a dancer".

He described the studio at Aureus School as an excellent space for ballet and dance classes and enjoyed working with younger students and adults who have not had a classical training,



Matz Skoog gives the masterclass at Aureus School

as a change from teaching professionals.

He said: "Ballet is excellent exercise for all ages providing the teacher is mindful of safety."

After the classes, everyone wanted to hear Matz's view of Strictly.

He claimed to be impressed by the skill of the dancers and described Darcey Bussell as "an absolutely delightful person and a truly excellent ambassador for

dance in Britain" but added he hadn't danced with her and that she would be too tall for him on pointe.

Downland Dance has been teaching ballet in south Oxfordshire for more than 40 years.

Owner Jim Harris said: "We hope to be contributing to British and international ballet by finding and inspiring stars of the future in Oxfordshire."

## Garage to be demolished next week

WORK to decommission and demolish a Didcot petrol station will begin next week.

A planning application to 'modernise and facilitate redevelopment' of the former Shell garage in Broadway was approved last week.

Forecourt buildings, the canopy and underground tanks will be taken down and decommissioned.

The process will be carried out using "excavators fitted with demolition attachments," Shell said.

South Oxfordshire District Council received the application last month and work will begin on Monday with an expected completion date of May 30.

The approval will pave the



An application has been submitted to modernise The Shell garage on Broadway. Picture: Google

way for the construction of a new petrol station, as per planning permission granted in 2016. This will include a new kiosk, car wash and pumps. Underground fuel tanks and new fuel pipework will

also be installed.

Shell's temporary closure leaves three petrol stations in the town: Sainsbury's, Central Drive; Tesco, Wallingford Road and Co-op, Wantage Road.

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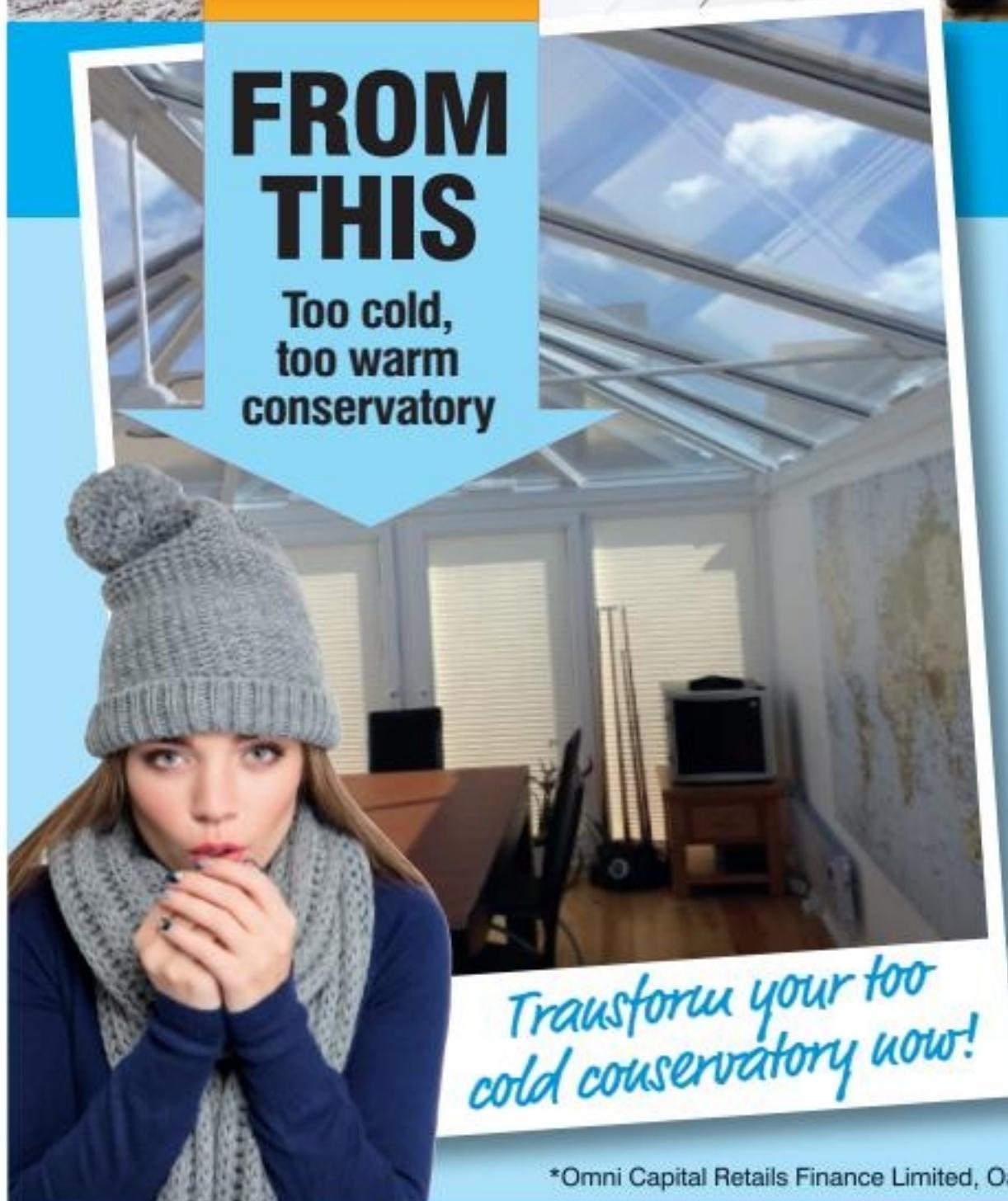


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## News

## Ricky's cat helps boost donations for charity after food theft

A CHERWELL cat rescue service was "overwhelmed" after it received more than 200 parcels following a social media appeal for donations shared by comedian Ricky Gervais.

Burglars ransacked Cherwell Cats Protection's storage facility in Bicester in late December stealing almost all the cat food and leaving only empty boxes behind.

But a tweet shared by the star of *The Office* and *Extras* via his own cat's Twitter profile resulted in hundreds of parcels from all over the world being donated to the Oxfordshire charity.

Ollie, @myleftfang on Twitter, has almost 40,000 followers who have

contributed to the 224 donations sent to the cat rehoming facility.

Cherwell Cats Protection took to Facebook to thank those who ordered items from its Amazon wish list.

"We are feeling extremely overwhelmed by the huge amounts of generosity we have received from each and every person in our community and beyond (as far as the USA)," it said.

"We only put a post out there to make people aware of what happened to us – but the response could not have been further away from what we had expected."

To support the charity go to [cherwell.cats.org.uk](http://cherwell.cats.org.uk).



Ricky Gervais with cat Ollie

## Empty homes must be used, says MP

By Eva Astreinidou

AN Oxfordshire MP is calling for action to be taken on thousands of vacant homes in the area as more people are facing the new year without a home.

Figures obtained by the Liberal Democrats through Freedom of Information requests show the Vale of White Horse has 368 empty properties, Cherwell has 376 and a further 337 are unoccupied in Oxford city.

The data also shows some of the properties have been vacant for 10 years or more.

Oxford West and Abingdon MP Layla Moran said: "We all will have

witnessed people sleeping out in the cold on our streets. It is a scandal that so many houses locally are sitting empty as individuals and families face 2018 without a home."

She said that local authorities should make use of Empty Dwelling Management Orders (EDMO), which are used to take over properties that have been empty for at least two years.

The MP added: "But most of all the government needs to urgently review cuts to funding. Our communities are suffering from the failure to build enough affordable homes. The impact of welfare cuts is clearly forcing more people onto our streets and leaving others in inadequate, temporary

accommodation."

Councillor Mike Rowley, board member for housing at Oxford City Council, said he strongly agrees with the MP that funding is needed to build more genuinely affordable homes.

But he said: "We have reduced the number of long-term empty homes in Oxford by nearly two-thirds, from over 900 in 2008 to 337 now. We do use EDMOs and compulsory purchase as a last resort where other means fail."

A spokesperson from Vale and South Oxfordshire district councils said: "We are committed to bring empty properties back into use with schemes such as the empty home loan, which encourages owners to renovate their

empty property by offering a five-year loan for improvement works to be undertaken. For owners that have a property empty for two years or more we increase the council tax rate by 50 per cent."

A spokesperson for Cherwell District Council said: "The issue of empty homes is one the council continues to address. Cherwell has a dedicated empty homes project, working with homeowners to bring empty properties back into use."

They added: "Cherwell [also] supports a range of voluntary sector agencies through grant agreements to support individuals who are homeless or unsuitably housed."

## InBrief

### City fares increase

OXFORD Bus Company has frozen fares on its Park-and-Ride, Airline, and X90 routes, while Oxford SmartZone weekly tickets have also been frozen for 2018.

But a typical Oxford city single and return ticket is set to increase by 20p to £2 and £3 respectively.

Managing director Phil Southall said: "We have worked hard to maintain prices on as many services as possible.

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### Art entries invited

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## News

# Council cheers pub decision after residence plan rejected

A FORMER Henley drinking house will remain as a pub after an appeal to transform it into a home was dismissed.

South Oxfordshire District Council issued an enforcement notice in January 2017 on grounds that The Lamb Inn, in Satwell, Rotherfield Greys was being used as a residential property without planning permission.

The enforcement notice gave Graham Granaski, the pub's owner, nine months to stop 'unauthorised residential use' of the pub, which ceased trading when he bought the site in January 2013.

Mr Granaski launched an appeal against the notice but an independent planning inspector has dismissed this.

Cllr Felix Bloomfield, SODC's cabinet member for development management and building control, said: "I am delighted with the outcome of the appeal."

"Purchasing a public house to use as a residential property, without the necessary planning consents in place, is totally unacceptable."

"I hope this sends a strong message that our council will take action whenever is necessary to prevent this from happening and will do what we can to protect public houses for the benefit of local communities."

The appeal decision was made last month following an inquiry held on October 17 and site visit made on October 18.



The Lamb Inn, Satwell, Henley, in November 2010. Picture: Google

# New fire systems to help vulnerable

By Owen Hughes

INNOVATIVE new portable misting systems could be installed in homes across Oxfordshire to protect vulnerable people with mobility or mental health issues from domestic fire outbreaks.

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service has installed the first of its Ultraguard portable misting systems at a home in Oxford, with more units due to be installed across homes in Oxfordshire, as a way of protecting vulnerable people from fires.

The system deploys a fine mist for 10 minutes to suppress the fire and prevent it from spreading when it is triggered by two linked "intelligent" detectors monitoring air in the home.

Once activated the Ultraguard will also automatically alert the fire service to the situation.

Watch manager Paul Riley said: "The misting system is used as a last resort, as Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service is committed to protecting those most vulnerable to fire in the home. Many of those are smokers and may have other risk factors."

"We work closely with partners in local authorities, social care and social landlords to identify and assess situations where misting systems can really help save lives."

Once a person stops smoking or changes address, the portable system can be taken away from the property and re-used elsewhere.

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service carries out Safe and Well visits in homes across the county to protect members of the community.

These visits include the fitting of smoke alarms and providing advice to

occupiers on fire, health and wellbeing to support the resilience of residents in the home.

There are a number of criteria to consider when assessing a resident for a misting system and these revolve around the person's ability to respond in the event of a fire. Considerations include mobility, age, mental health and lifestyle habits.

If you feel a resident's circumstances may meet the criteria for a misting system, contact the safeguarding team on [fire.safeguarding@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:fire.safeguarding@oxfordshire.gov.uk).

## First aid advice for pet owners

PET owners are invited to a free first aid session next month that could help save a beloved pet's life in an emergency.

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The session coincides with a recent change in opening hours for the practice which has introduced a night service to ensure vets and nurses can be accessed any time of day or night.

Anita Dowe, clinical director in Abingdon, said: "Having a vet on-site and working all night means changes in patient condition can be acted on immediately."

"We are currently covering the out of hours for our five sites, as well as four other clinics within our catchment area, but are hoping to get more local clinics to subscribe to the service."

"Our busiest times are generally 7pm to 11pm, but every night is different."

To register for the free first aid course at the surgery in Abingdon on February 4 at 2pm, email [abivale@abivale.com](mailto:abivale@abivale.com).

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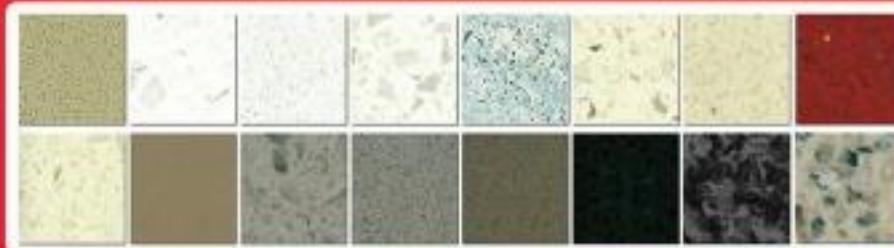
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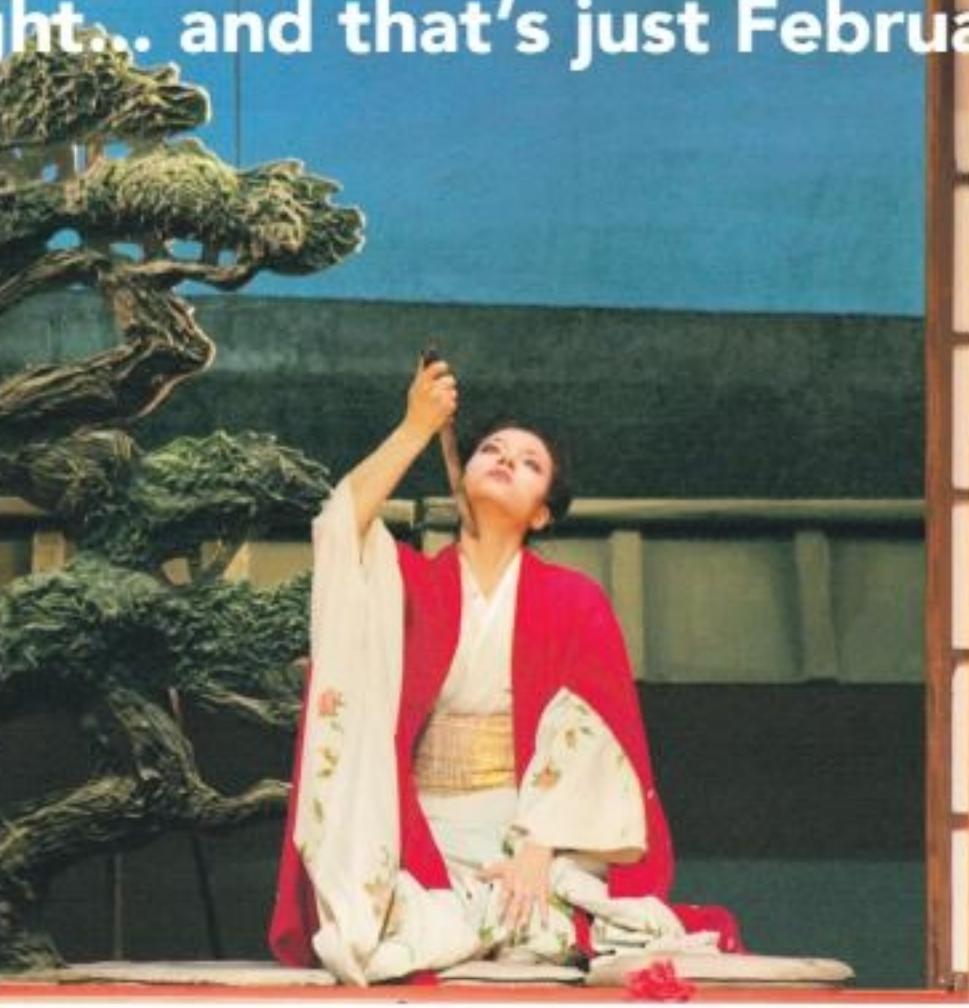
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Out &amp; About

# Jorja's ready to light up R&B music

By Samantha McGregor

UP-COMING R&B singer songwriter Jorja Smith, who was nominated for a MOBO last year, is set to play at Oxford's O2 Academy.

She will take to the stage on Sunday, February 11, as part of a UK tour.

It all started for Jorja in January 2015 after she uploaded Blue Lights to Soundcloud, her self-released debut single.

Since the age of 16, she'd been writing stories through music; putting pen to paper about her observations of love and anger.

Blue Lights was written after watching Dizzee Rascal music videos during a break from her A-Level dissertation – titled Is Post-colonialism Still Present in Grime Music.

She said the song was inspired by the hostile situations innocent young black men were facing every day, not just in her hometown of Walsall but around the world.

Her song earned praise from Skrillex and Stormzy, and was also included on Drake's OVO radio

show.

Since then, Jorja has released her debut EP, Project 11, and gone on to create a name for herself as a gifted young R&B songwriter.

Last year she came fourth in BBC's Sound of 2017, and was nominated for a MOBO.

She is currently collaborating with the Toronto megastar Drake on Get It Together, featuring on his More Life project, and performing as a special guest at his UK headline shows.

This year she will also join Bruno Mars on his tour and release her debut album.

Jorja said: "I like 2018, because what does 2 plus 0 plus 1 plus 8 equal? Eleven. Which is my favourite number in the world. So, I think it's meant to be."

Jorja, 20, grew up in the industrial West Midlands town of Walsall – both her parents were musical. She started playing keyboard at the age of eight, and was learning to sing classical by secondary school.

Her mother was a jewellery maker, and her father – who is of Jamaican-origin – was a singer and songwriter in the neo-soul band 2nd Naicha.



## On stage

### New season at New Theatre unveiled

Now you've packed away the tinsel and eaten as much turkey as you can it's time to think about how to spend those drab February evenings.

The New Theatre has a whole host of attractions to lure you out – music, dance, comedy and even a film night.

Here's a brief look at what they've got on offer:

February 1 – The Johnny Cash Roadshow

February 3 – Frankly Sinatra

February 4 – Anton and Erin - From Broadway to Hollywood

February 7 – Banff Mountain Film Festival

February 9 – An Audience with Michael Bolton

February 10 – Someone Like You - The Adele Songbook

February 13-17 – Cilla - The Musical

February 20 – Richard Alston Dance Company

February 21 – Jonathan Pie: Back to the Studio

February 22 – Ellen Kent: Rigoletto

February 23&24 – Ellen Kent: Madama Butterfly

February 25-27 – Michael McIntyre: Work in Progress

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# Opera favourites to light up Oxford

By Samantha McGregor

AWARD-WINNING producer Ellen Kent returns to Oxford's New Theatre with two opera favourites.

The company will perform Verdi's Rigoletto on February 22, the dark opera they originally tried to ban.

And then on February 23 and 24, Puccini's Madama Butterfly, one of the world's most popular operas, will take to the stage.

Madama Butterfly introduces the celebrated soprano Maria HeeJung Kim from the Korean National Opera, Seoul, and the international soprano Alyona Kistenyova.

Madama Butterfly is Puccini's popular tale on which the hit West End musical Miss Saigon is based.

It tells the heart-breaking story of the beautiful young Japanese girl who falls in love with an American naval lieutenant – with dramatic results.

Highlights include the moving aria One Fine Day and the unforgettable Love Duet.

Rigoletto is a dramatic tale of the jester's daughter whose heart is stolen by a charming but unreliable ruler – and how her father's attempts to prevent the love affair lead to tragedy.

The opera was almost banned because it exposed the licentious behaviour of the powers-that-be at court.



Elena Dee as Cio Cio San in Madama Butterfly

It is based on a play by Victor Hugo, who wrote Les Misérables, and was originally called 'The King Who Amuses Himself'.

Officially it was banned because of its sexual content, but the reality was for political reasons as it made covert jabs at politicians of the time.

Verdi turned the tragedy into an opera and caused uproar at the time, he removed a rape scene and after a battle with Italian censors it was renamed the Opera, Rigoletto.

The operas will be conducted by Vasyl Vasylenko, who is the artistic director and conductor at the National President's Orchestra

of Ukraine, Kiev, and the guest conductor and artistic director of the National Opera of Moldova, Nicolae Dohotaru, along with 30 members of the National Ukrainian Orchestra.

Tickets can be purchased from the New Theatre box office on George Street, by calling 0844 871 3020 or go to [atgtickets.com/oxford](http://atgtickets.com/oxford)

## On stage

### Go on an adventure

The 2018 UK and Ireland Banff Mountain Film Festival will be at the New Theatre Oxford on February 7.

The tour features two different collections of new adventure films, starring the world's top explorers on mind-blowing journeys in wild and remote parts of the globe.

Programme highlights include The Frozen Road, featuring Yorkshireman Ben Page who embarked on a solo bike-packing journey in the Canadian Arctic, and Dreamwalkers – The Faroes Project, about four Dutch friends attempting to be the first people to highline in the desolate islands.

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### All aboard ghost train

For a night of guitar Gods and classic rock anthems, join Vampires Rocks – Ghost Train, when it comes to the New Theatre on Saturday.

This rock-tastic, hilarious, musical concert is a tongue in cheek story taking the audience on a ride through some of the greatest classic rock anthems, including tracks from Queen, AC/DC, Meat Loaf, Journey, Bon Jovi, Guns n Roses and many more.

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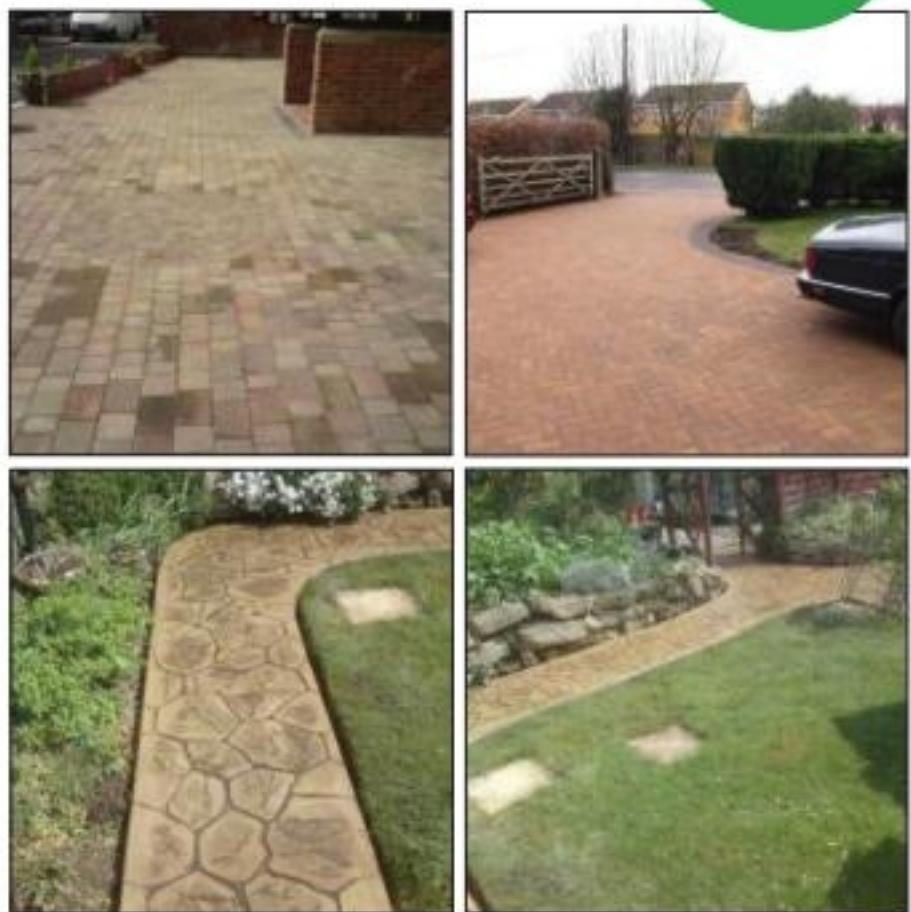
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Out &amp; About

# The Americans invade Oxford

LOS ANGELES based outfit The Americans return to the UK for a whistle-stop tour including a date in Oxford.

Bringing their sound of vintage rock'n'roll, the band play The Bullingdon, in Cowley Road, on Tuesday, January 30 with support from Kashena Sampson.

Made up of Patrick Ferris on vocals and guitar, Zac Sokolow on guitar, Jake Faulkner on bass and Tim Carr on drums, percussion and organ.

Currently riding high on the success of their debut album I'll Be Yours, which was released last year, The Americans also performed at Celtic Connections and the UK Americana Music Awards.

Having started out as a roots band enthralled by pre-war American country and blues, they have evolved into an amalgamation of those influences, injected with some rock'n'roll.

The Americans' transition to an original rock band didn't happen overnight.

Struggling to finish songs in time for their recording session, Patrick would drive around late at night looking for hourly motels where he would check in to write.

He said: "I wrote a lot of the album in those rooms. Not necessarily for inspiration, but for the sense of urgency they provided."

He described nights sitting on the edge of a giant, heart-shaped



bed, singing softly into a recording machine, others when he was interrupted by fights in the hallway, romantic couples in a neighbouring room, or loud knockings on his door.

He said: "We write our songs inside-out. We grab hold of something minuscule and primitive—a simple turn of phrase or an unusual beat—and try to build a song around it.

"It can be inefficient, and hard to write words over, but it's magical when it works."

The Americans were plucked from obscurity by Jack White, T Bone Burnett and Robert Redford to appear in the recent PBS/BBC4

series American Epic.

Featuring artists such as Beck, Elton John, Nas, Willie Nelson, Alabama Shakes, the film reconstructs the story of the first American music in the 1920s and re-assembled the recording apparatus that was used at the time.

As experts in early music, The Americans were invited in to figure out the equipment and make the first recordings.

Once the sessions were under way, they functioned as the house band, backing up various artists and suggesting songs to the filmmakers.

For more information go to [thebullingdon.co.uk](http://thebullingdon.co.uk)



THE spirit of Johnny Cash is alive and kicking with a stage show celebrating the music of the legend.

The Johnny Cash Roadshow takes to the New Theatre stage for one night only on Thursday, February 1.

This show promises to be "fire-cracking" entertainment from the first note, delivering an inspired set of cherished numbers.

The stage lights up with a colourful explosion of energy, against a striking backdrop of classic screen imagery of the 'real deal'.

Clive John captures the essence of Cash with exceptional style and confidence.

His deep, distinctive vocals are spot on, evoking pure country magic with Walk the Line, Folsom Prison Blues and A Thing Called Love.

The Johnny Cash Roadshow is a

treat for country music lovers and die-hard Cash fans alike.

Johnny Cash was an American singer/songwriter who was one of the best-selling musicians of all time – selling more than 90 million records worldwide.

He led a controversial life and during his career performed for free in some American prisons, his most famous was January 1, 1958, when he performed at San Quentin State Prison and recorded a live album there.

The Johnny Cash Show is a heart-warming story played out with genuine passion and a wonderful celebration of one of world's greatest known artists.

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The London Classic Car Show, now in its fourth year, is the must attend event for all classic car enthusiasts, celebrating the very best of automotive culture and nostalgia. Visitors will be able to experience over 700 classic cars at the show including some of the most legendary 'Getaway cars' from automotive history, used by some of popular culture's most infamous criminals, in one of the show's most hotly anticipated feature areas to date.

The Grand Avenue will make a return this year, paying homage to

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'Specials', the limited editions, one-offs and prototypes of unique street and competition cars renowned for their rarity, curiosity and desirability. Visitors will witness some of the world's most genre defining cars cruise down Grand Avenue in a spectacle like no other.

The show will also celebrate the work and career of an unsung hero of British motor racing with the presentation of the Icon Award, marvelling at their triumphs and achievements through the years. This year's icon remains a closely guarded secret and will be announced in the coming weeks.

Teeming with excitement, thrill and inspiration, this unmissable show

promises a brilliant day out for the whole family.

#### WIN TICKETS!

We have ten pairs of Sunday tickets for this fantastic show and to be in with a chance of winning all you have to do is answer this simple question:

**Q:** One of this year's features is Get Away Cars. What classic motor was used as get away cars in the 1969 film "The Italian Job"?



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# Get ready for Winter

Now's the perfect time to replace your garden fence once and for all. Anna Ryder Richardson - Designer and Television Presenter - takes a closer look at Colourfence, the revolutionary low-maintenance system.

**I**t's been ten years since I regularly graced TV screens helping transform people's living spaces with MDF and stripped floorboards. Recently it's been more "celebrity muck out" than "celebrity make-over" as I took up the challenge of owning my own Wildlife Zoo in Tenby. In this time I've learnt quite a lot about fences and having researched the various options for my own benefit I thought I would share my knowledge with a wider audience.

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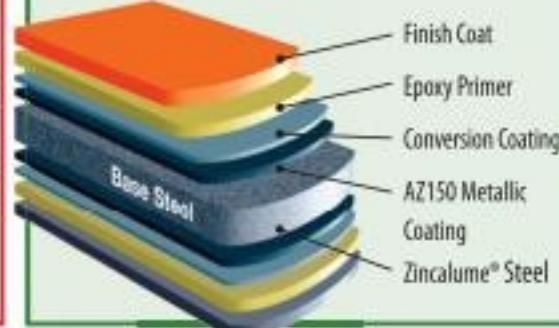
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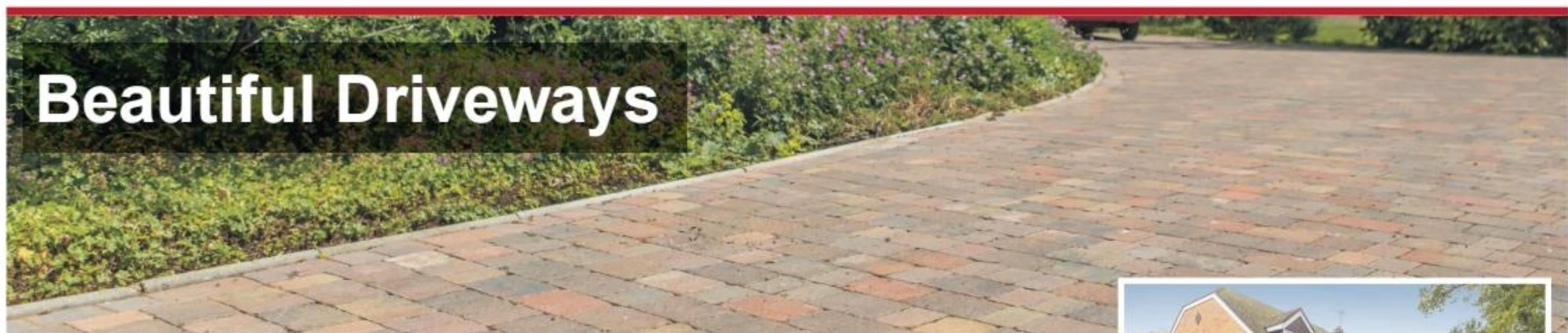
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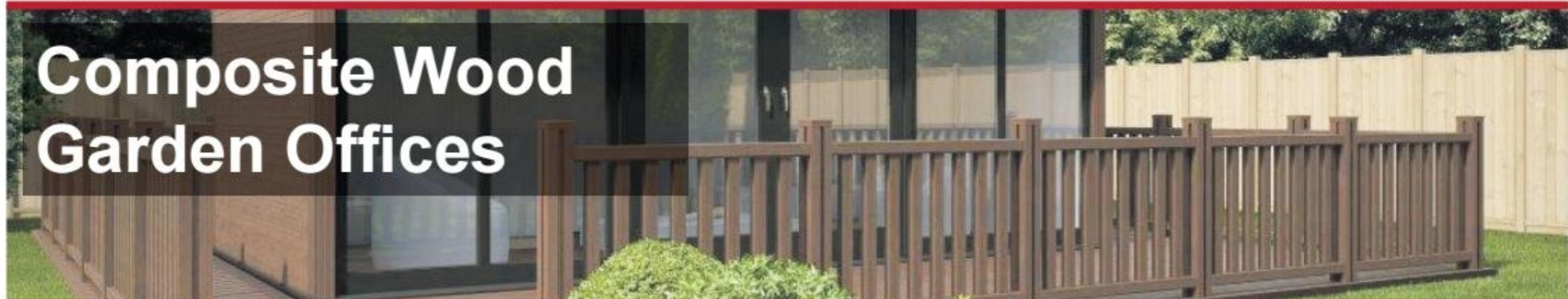
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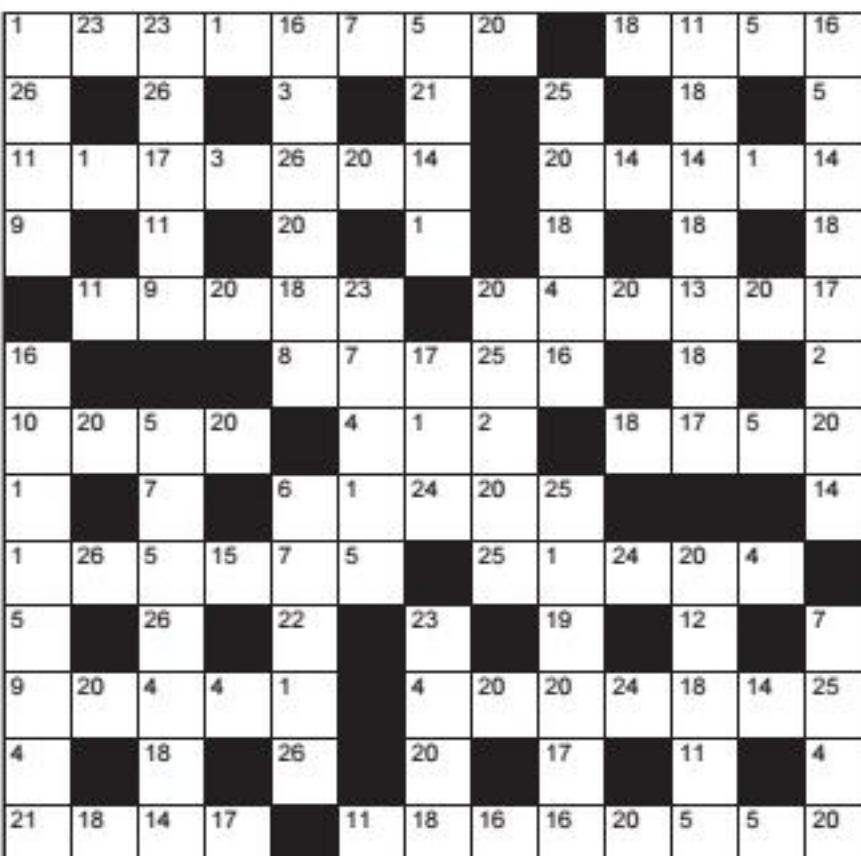
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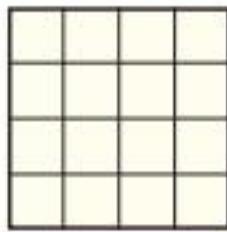
Each number in our Cross Code grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. You have three letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares.

As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the alphabetical list of letters as you identify them.

## MAGIC SQUARE

## COMMONERS SCATTER

Using all 16 letters of the phrase above, form four words each of four letters which will fit in the grid to form a magic square in which the words can be read both horizontally and vertically.



# Quiz Challenge

- Which London department store shares its name with a human rights pressure group?
- Which now-defunct club was the first beneficiary of automatic promotion to the Football League in 1987?
- What word would you have typed into Google to get the response "did you mean nag a ram"?
- The name of which one-word African country contains all five vowels?
- Which gemstone provided the title of a 1969 film thriller directed by Alfred Hitchcock?

## NONAGRAM

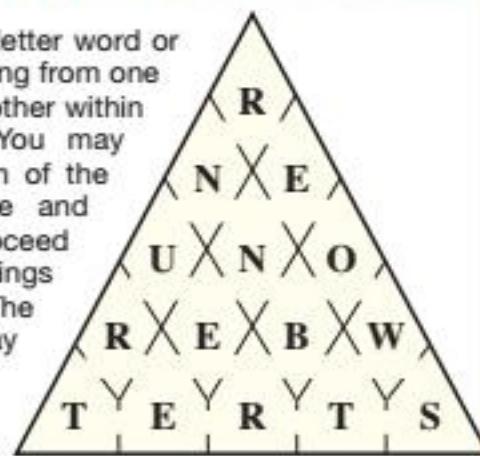


How many words of four letters or more can you make from this Nonogram? Each word must use the central letter, and each letter may be used only once. At least one word using all nine letters can be found.

**Guidelines:**  
16 Good; 19 Very Good;  
22 Excellent.

Any word found in the Concise Oxford Dictionary (Tenth Edition) is eligible with the following exceptions: proper nouns; plural nouns, pronouns and possessives; third person singular verbs; hyphenated words; contractions and abbreviations; vulgar slang words; variant spellings of the same word (where another variant is also eligible).

## WORD PYRAMID



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## EQUALISER

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Place the four signs (add, subtract, multiply, divide) one in each circle so that the total of each across and down line is the same. Perform the first calculation in each line first and ignore the mathematical law which says you should always perform division and multiplication before addition and subtraction.

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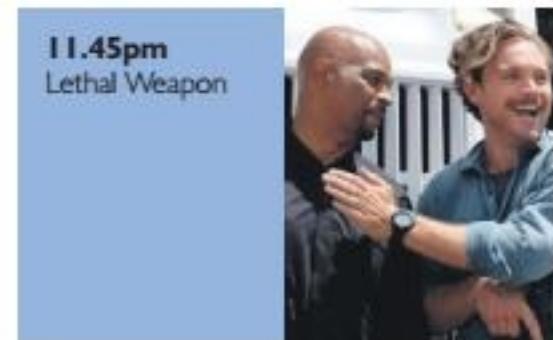
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**Thursday January 18<sup>th</sup>****TOP TV****MORNING****AFTERNOON****EVENING****BBC 1**

- 2.15pm** Father Brown  
**9.15am** Rip Off Britain  
**10.00am** Homes Under the Hammer  
**11.00am** Wanted Down Under  
**11.45am** Close Calls: On Camera

**BBC 2**

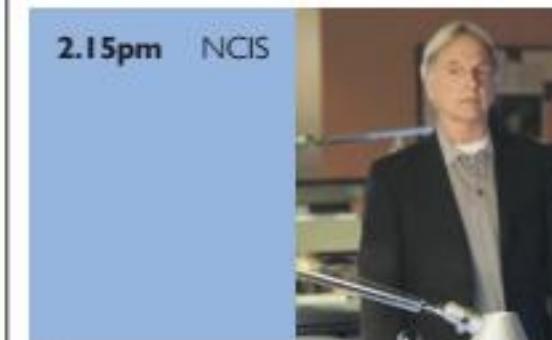
- 8.00pm** Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure  
**7.15am** Antiques Road Trip  
**8.00am** MasterChef: The Professionals  
**9.00am** Victoria Derbyshire  
**11.00am** BBC Newsroom Live

**ITV**

- 11.45pm** Lethal Weapon  
**8.30am** Lorraine  
**9.25am** The Jeremy Kyle Show  
**10.30am** This Morning

**Channel 4**

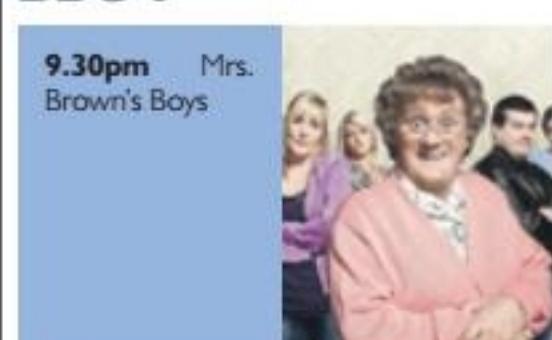
- 8.00pm** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces  
**7.10am** Everybody Loves Raymond  
**8.30am** Frasier  
**10.05am** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
**11.00am** Sun, Sea and Selling Houses

**Channel 5**

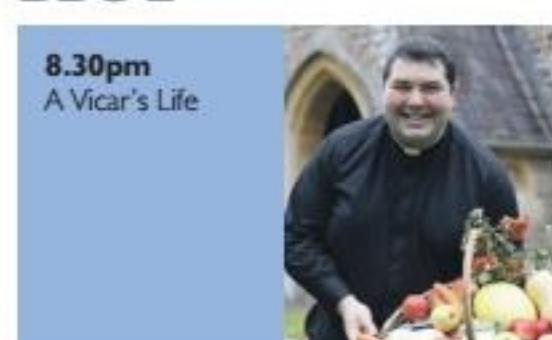
- 2.15pm** NCIS  
**8.20am** Rusty Rivets  
**8.35am** Shimmer and Shine  
**8.55am** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom  
**9.05am** Mofy  
**9.15am** The Wright Stuff  
**11.15am** GPs: Behind Closed Doors

- 12.10pm** 5 News Lunchtime  
**12.15pm** The Hotel Inspector Returns  
**1.15pm** Home and Away  
**1.45pm** Neighbours  
**2.15pm** NCIS  
**3.15pm** Her Dark Past  
**5.00pm** 5 News at 5  
**5.30pm** Neighbours

- 6.00pm** Home and Away  
**6.30pm** 5 News Tonight  
**7.00pm** Baby Ballroom  
**8.00pm** Big Family Values: More Kids Than Cash  
**9.00pm** Celebrity Big Brother  
**10.00pm** Celebrity 100% Hotter!  
**11.05pm** Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side  
**12.00am** Super Casino  
**3.10am** GPs: Behind Closed Doors  
**4.00am** Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink  
**4.45am** House Doctor  
**5.10am** Wildlife SOS

**Friday January 19<sup>th</sup>****TOP TV****MORNING****AFTERNOON****EVENING****BBC 1**

- 9.30pm** Mrs. Brown's Boys  
**9.15am** Rip Off Britain  
**10.00am** Homes Under the Hammer  
**11.00am** Wanted Down Under  
**11.45am** Close Calls: On Camera

**BBC 2**

- 8.30pm** A Vicar's Life  
**7.15am** Antiques Road Trip  
**8.00am** MasterChef: The Professionals  
**9.00am** Victoria Derbyshire  
**11.00am** BBC Newsroom Live

**ITV**

- 8.00pm** River Monsters  
**8.30am** Lorraine  
**9.25am** The Jeremy Kyle Show  
**10.30am** This Morning

**Channel 4**

- 6.00pm** The Simpsons  
**7.10am** Everybody Loves Raymond  
**8.30am** Frasier  
**10.05am** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
**11.00am** Sun, Sea and Selling Houses

**Channel 5**

- 8.00pm** Costa Del Celebrity  
**8.20am** Rusty Rivets  
**8.35am** Shimmer and Shine  
**8.55am** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom  
**9.05am** Mofy  
**9.15am** The Wright Stuff  
**11.15am** GPs: Behind Closed Doors

- 12.10pm** 5 News Lunchtime  
**12.15pm** The Hotel Inspector  
**1.15pm** Home and Away  
**1.45pm** Neighbours  
**2.15pm** NCIS  
**3.15pm** Shoot to Kill  
**5.00pm** 5 News at 5  
**5.30pm** Neighbours

- 6.00pm** Home and Away  
**6.30pm** 5 News Tonight  
**7.00pm** The Wine Show  
**8.00pm** Costa Del Celebrity  
**9.00pm** Celebrity Big Brother  
**10.00pm** Will and Grace  
**10.30pm** Celebrity Big Brother  
**11.00pm** Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side  
**12.00am** Super Casino  
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**4.00am** Celebrity Big Brother  
**4.25am** Lip Sync Battle UK  
**4.45am** House Doctor



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**Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup>****TOP TV****MORNING****AFTERNOON****EVENING****BBC 1**

**6.00am** Breakfast  
**10.00am** Saturday Kitchen Live  
**11.30am** Mary Berry Everyday

**12.00pm** Football Focus  
**1.00pm** BBC News  
**1.15pm** Masters Snooker  
**4.30pm** Final Score  
**5.30pm** BBC News  
**5.40pm** Regional News and Weather  
**5.50pm** And They're Off... for Sport Relief

**6.30pm** Pointless  
**7.20pm** Wedding Day Winners  
**8.20pm** Casualty  
**9.10pm** BBC News  
**9.30pm** Hard Sun  
**10.30pm** Match of the Day  
**12.00am** The NFL Show  
**12.30am** Papadopoulos and Sons  
**2.15am** Weather for the Week Ahead  
**2.20am** BBC News

**BBC 2**

**8.00am** The Dengineers  
**8.30am** Deadly Top 10  
**9.00am** Robot Wars  
**10.00am** Steve Backshall's Extreme Mountain Challenge  
**11.00am** Snow Wolf Family and Me

**12.00pm** Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure  
**1.00pm** A Vicar's Life  
**1.30pm** Back to the Land with Kate Humble  
**2.30pm** Trust Me, I'm a Doctor  
**3.00pm** Tennis  
**4.30pm** Masters Snooker  
**5.30pm** Tom Kerridge's Lose Weight for Good

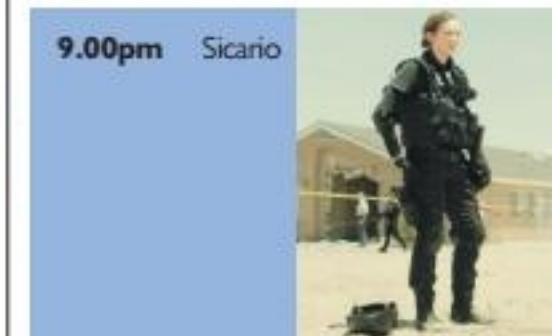
**6.00pm** Hugh's Wild West  
**7.00pm** Masters Snooker  
**10.30pm** QI XL  
**11.15pm** Performance Live: I Told My Mum I Was Going on an Re Trip  
**12.00am** Masters Snooker Extra  
**2.00am** This is BBC Two  
**6.15am** A to Z of TV Gardening  
**6.35am** The Instant Gardener

**ITV**

**6.45pm** Take Me Out  
**8.30am** Be Cool, Scooby-Doo  
**9.05am** Wishfarm  
**9.25am** ITV News  
**9.30am** Saturday Morning with James Martin  
**11.20am** The Hungry Sailors

**12.20pm** Countrywise  
**12.50pm** ITV Lunchtime News  
**1.00pm** Dancing on Ice  
**3.00pm** Celebrity Catchphrase  
**4.00pm** Tipping Point  
**5.00pm** The Chase

**6.00pm** ITV News London  
**6.05pm** ITV News  
**6.20pm** You've Been Framed!  
**6.45pm** Take Me Out  
**8.00pm** The Voice UK  
**9.30pm** Through the Keyhole  
**10.30pm** ITV News  
**10.45pm** Jaws 3  
**12.15am** Jackpot247  
**3.00am** Babushka  
**3.50am** ITV Nightscreen  
**6.00am** Sooty  
**6.10am** Bottom Knocker Street  
**6.20am** Bottom Knocker Street

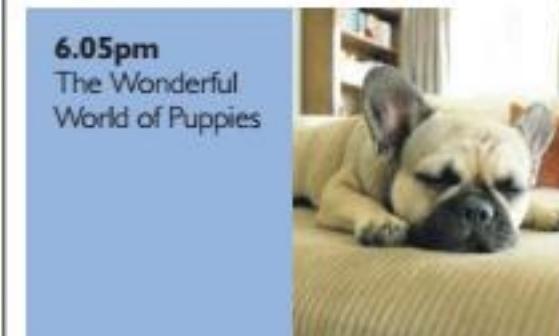
**Channel 4**

**9.00pm** Sicario  
**7.15am** King of Queens  
**7.40am** Everybody Loves Raymond  
**9.05am** Frasier  
**10.35am** The Big Bang Theory

**12.00pm** The Simpsons  
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**1.00pm** The Simpsons  
**1.25pm** Come Dine with Me  
**2.25pm** Coast v Country  
**3.25pm** A Place in the Sun  
**4.30pm** A Place in the Sun  
**5.30pm** The Secret Life of the Zoo  
**6.30pm** Channel 4 News  
**7.00pm** Great Canal Journeys  
**8.00pm** Village of the Year

**9.00pm** Sicario  
**11.25pm** Salt  
**1.10am** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
**2.05am** The Lie Detective  
**2.45am** Hollyoaks Omnibus  
**4.50am** The Autistic Gardener  
**5.45am** Draw it!  
**6.10am** Jamie's Comfort Food  
**6.20am** King of Queens  
**6.45am** King of Queens

**6.05pm** The Wonderful World of Puppies  
**7.00pm** Greatest Celebrity Wind-Ups Ever!  
**8.00pm** Blind Date  
**9.00pm** Football on 5  
**9.55pm** Football on 5  
**10.25pm** Celebrity Big Brother  
**11.30pm** The X Files  
**12.15am** Super Casino  
**3.10am** GPs: Behind Closed Doors  
**4.00am** Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink House Doctor  
**4.45am** House Doctor  
**5.10am** Wildlife SOS

**Channel 5**

**9.45am** Peppa Pig  
**10.05am** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
**10.40am** Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud 2  
**11.05am** Police Interceptors

**12.05pm** Police Interceptors: The Fatal Four  
**1.05pm** The A-Team  
**2.05pm** The A-Team  
**3.10pm** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords  
**4.10pm** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords  
**5.10pm** Rich House, Poor House

**6.05pm** The Wonderful World of Puppies  
**7.00pm** Greatest Celebrity Wind-Ups Ever!  
**8.00pm** Blind Date  
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**6.00am** Breakfast  
**7.30am** Match of the Day  
**9.00am** The Andrew Marr Show  
**10.00am** The Big Questions  
**11.00am** Sunday Politics

**12.15pm** Bargain Hunt  
**1.00pm** BBC News  
**1.15pm** Money for Nothing  
**2.15pm** Escape to the Country  
**3.15pm** Lifeline  
**3.25pm** Big Cats  
**4.25pm** Songs of Praise  
**5.00pm** The Coronation

**6.00pm** BBC News  
**6.20pm** Regional News and Weather

**6.30pm** Countryfile  
**7.30pm** Still Open All Hours  
**8.00pm** Call the Midwife  
**9.00pm** McMafia  
**10.00pm** BBC News  
**10.20pm** Regional News and Weather  
**10.30pm** Match of the Day 2  
**11.20pm** Man Like Moeen  
**11.40pm** Man Like Moeen  
**12.05am** Weather for the Week Ahead  
**12.10am** BBC News  
**6.00am** Breakfast

**BBC 2**

**7.20am** Gardeners' World  
**7.50am** Greatest Gardens  
**8.20am** Monty Don's Paradise Gardens  
**9.20am** Countryfile  
**10.15am** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites  
**11.45am** Food and Drink

**12.15pm** MOTD2 Extra  
**1.00pm** Masters Snooker  
**5.15pm** Ski Sunday

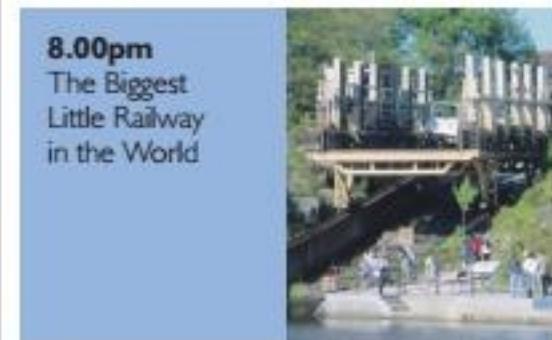
**6.00pm** Tennis  
**7.00pm** Masters Snooker  
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**11.30pm** Insert Name Here  
**12.00am** All Good Things  
**1.35am** Good Morning Karachi  
**3.00am** Question Time  
**4.00am** Holby City  
**4.55am** This is BBC Two  
**6.00am** Flog it! Trade Secrets  
**6.30am** The Farmers' Country Showdown

**ITV**

**8.10pm** Vera  
**9.05am** Wishfarm  
**9.25am** ITV News  
**9.30am** River Monsters  
**10.00am** Peston on Sunday  
**11.00am** The Martin Lewis Money Show  
**11.25am** The Voice UK

**12.55pm** ITV Lunchtime News  
**1.00pm** Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury  
**1.30pm** Britain's Brightest Family  
**2.00pm** The Cruise  
**2.30pm** Kindergarten Cop  
**4.35pm** ITV News London  
**4.45pm** ITV News  
**5.00pm** The Chase: Celebrity Special

**6.00pm** Dancing on Ice  
**8.10pm** Vera  
**10.10pm** ITV News  
**10.25pm** Peston on Sunday  
**11.25pm** Next of Kin  
**12.20am** Great Art  
**1.10am** Jackpot247  
**3.00am** Sunday Night at the Palladium  
**3.50am** ITV Nightscreen  
**5.05am** The Jeremy Kyle Show  
**6.00am** Good Morning Britain

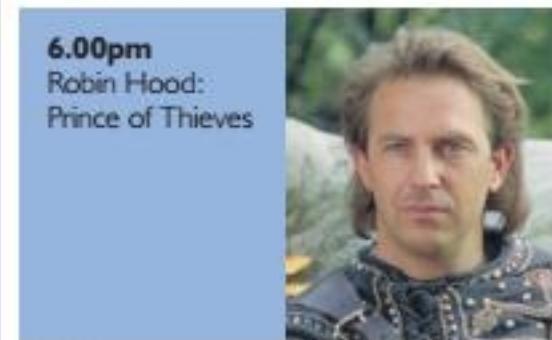
**Channel 4**

**8.00pm** The Biggest Little Railway in the World

**7.10am** Everybody Loves Raymond  
**8.00am** Frasier  
**9.30am** Sunday Brunch

**12.30pm** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast  
**1.30pm** The Simpsons  
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**2.30pm** The Simpsons  
**3.00pm** Capture the Flag  
**4.50pm** Aladdin

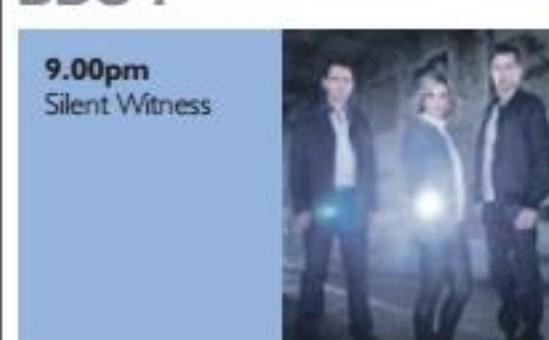
**6.35pm** Channel 4 News  
**7.00pm** Posh Pawn  
**8.00pm** The Biggest Little Railway in the World  
**9.00pm** SAS: Who Dares Wins  
**10.00pm** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown  
**10.55pm** Season of the Witch  
**12.45am** Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners  
**1.40am** The Lie Detective  
**2.25am** Grand Designs  
**3.20am** Location, Location, Location  
**4.15am** KOTV Boxing Weekly  
**4.45am** Coast v Country

**Channel 5**

**6.00pm** Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves  
**9.15am** Shimmer and Shine  
**9.30am** Digby Dragon  
**9.40am** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
**10.15am** Football on 5  
**11.10am** Football on 5  
**11.45am** Police Interceptors

**12.45pm** Pixels  
**2.35pm** Big Daddy  
**4.20pm** Mr. Deeds  
**5.20pm** Five News Update  
**5.25pm** Mr. Deeds

**6.00pm** Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves  
**7.00pm** Five News Update  
**7.05pm** Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves  
**8.55pm** 5 News Weekend  
**9.00pm** Celebrity Big Brother  
**10.00pm** Life as We Know it  
**12.15am** That's My Boy  
**2.15am** Super Casino  
**3.10am** GPs: Behind Closed Doors  
**4.00am** Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink  
**4.45am** House Doctor  
**5.10am** Wildlife SOS  
**5.35am** Divine Designs  
**6.00am** Puffin Rock

**Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup>****TOP TV****MORNING****AFTERNOON****EVENING****BBC 1**

**9.15am** Rip Off Britain  
**10.00am** Homes Under the Hammer  
**11.00am** Wanted Down Under  
**11.45am** A1: Britain's Longest Road

**12.15pm** Bargain Hunt  
**1.00pm** BBC News at One  
**1.30pm** Regional News and Weather  
**1.45pm** Doctors  
**2.15pm** Father Brown  
**3.00pm** Escape to the Country  
**3.45pm** The Farmers' Country Showdown  
**4.30pm** Antiques Road Trip  
**5.15pm** Pointless

**6.00pm** BBC News at Six  
**6.30pm** Regional News and Weather  
**7.00pm** The One Show  
**7.30pm** Inside Out  
**8.00pm** EastEnders  
**8.30pm** Panorama  
**9.00pm** Silent Witness  
**10.00pm** BBC News at Ten  
**10.30pm** Regional News and Weather  
**10.45pm** Have I Got Old News for You  
**11.15pm** New Tricks  
**12.15am** The Graham Norton Show  
**1.00am** Weather for the Week Ahead  
**1.05am** BBC News

**BBC 2**

**7.15am** Antiques Road Trip  
**8.00am** Antiques Roadshow  
**9.00am** Victoria Derbyshire  
**11.00am** BBC Newsroom Live

**12.00pm** The Daily Politics  
**1.00pm** Bowls  
**4.45pm** Tennis  
**5.30pm** Flog It!

**6.00pm** Eggheads  
**6.30pm** Great American Railroad Journeys  
**7.00pm** Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby  
**8.00pm** Only Connect  
**8.30pm** University Challenge  
**9.00pm** Surgeons: At the Edge of Life  
**10.00pm** Insert Name Here  
**10.30pm** Newsnight  
**11.15pm** Millionaires' Ex-Wives Club  
**12.15am** Bowls  
**1.15am** Countryfile  
**2.10am** Big Cats

**ITV**

**8.30am** Lorraine  
**9.25am** The Jeremy Kyle Show  
**10.30am** This Morning

**12.30pm** Loose Women  
**1.30pm** ITV Lunchtime News  
**1.55pm** ITV News London  
**2.00pm** Judge Rinder  
**3.00pm** Dickinson's Real Deal  
**4.00pm** Tipping Point  
**5.00pm** The Chase

**6.00pm** ITV News London  
**6.30pm** ITV Evening News  
**7.00pm** Emmerdale  
**7.30pm** Coronation Street  
**8.00pm** The Martin Lewis Money Show  
**8.30pm** Coronation Street  
**9.00pm** Next of Kin  
**10.00pm** ITV News at Ten and Weather  
**10.30pm** ITV News London  
**10.45pm** Britain's Favourite Dogs: Top 100  
**1.00am** Jackpot247  
**3.00am** The Jeremy Kyle Show  
**3.55am** ITV Nightscreen

**Channel 4**

**7.10am** 3rd Rock from the Sun  
**7.35am** Everybody Loves Raymond  
**8.30am** Frasier  
**10.05am** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
**11.00am** Sun, Sea and Selling Houses

**12.00pm** Channel 4 News  
**12.05pm** Couples Come Dine with Me  
**1.05pm** Posh Pawn  
**2.10pm** Countdown  
**3.00pm** Village of the Year  
**4.00pm** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun  
**5.00pm** Four in a Bed  
**5.30pm** Extreme Cake Makers

**6.00pm** The Simpsons  
**6.30pm** Hollyoaks  
**7.00pm** Channel 4 News  
**7.30pm** Dispatches  
**8.00pm** How to Lose Weight Well  
**9.00pm** The Undateables  
**10.00pm** First Dates Hotel  
**11.05pm** Derry Girls  
**11.40pm** Hunted  
**12.40am** SAS: Who Dares Wins  
**1.30am** The Supervet  
**2.25am** The Lie Detective  
**3.10am** Cabins in the Wild with Dick Strawbridge

**Channel 5**

**8.20am** Rusty Rivets  
**8.35am** Shimmer and Shine  
**8.55am** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom  
**9.05am** Mofy  
**9.15am** The Wright Stuff  
**11.15am** Cowboy Builders

**12.10pm** 5 News Lunchtime  
**12.15pm** The Hotel Inspector  
**1.05pm** Access  
**1.15pm** Home and Away  
**1.45pm** Neighbours  
**2.15pm** NCIS  
**3.15pm** A Stranger with My Kids  
**5.00pm** 5 News at 5  
**5.30pm** Neighbours

**6.00pm** Home and Away  
**6.30pm** 5 News Tonight  
**7.00pm** Car Crash TV  
**8.00pm** Police Interceptors  
**9.00pm** Celebrity Big Brother  
**10.00pm** Extraordinary People  
**11.05pm** Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side  
**12.05am** Celebrity Botched Up Bodies  
**1.00am** Super Casino  
**3.10am** Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh  
**4.00am** Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink  
**4.45am** House Doctor

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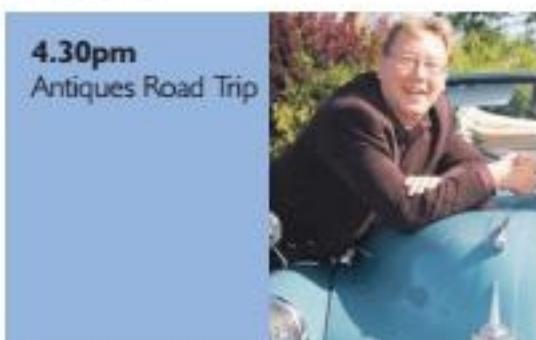
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**Tuesday January 23<sup>rd</sup>****TOP TV****MORNING****EVENING****BBC 1**

**4.30pm** Antiques Road Trip

**9.15am** Rip Off Britain  
**10.00am** Homes Under the Hammer  
**11.00am** Wanted Down Under  
**11.45am** A1: Britain's Longest Road

**12.15pm** Bargain Hunt  
**1.00pm** BBC News at One  
**1.30pm** Regional News and Weather  
**1.45pm** Doctors  
**2.15pm** Father Brown  
**3.00pm** Escape to the Country  
**3.45pm** The Farmers' Country Showdown  
**4.30pm** Antiques Road Trip  
**5.15pm** Pointless

**6.00pm** BBC News at Six  
**6.30pm** Regional News and Weather  
**7.00pm** The One Show  
**7.30pm** EastEnders  
**8.00pm** Holby City  
**9.00pm** Silent Witness  
**10.00pm** BBC News at Ten  
**10.30pm** Regional News and Weather  
**10.45pm** Love and Hate Crime  
**11.45pm** Stacey Dooley Investigates  
**12.45am** Weather for the Week Ahead  
**12.50am** BBC News  
**6.00am** Breakfast

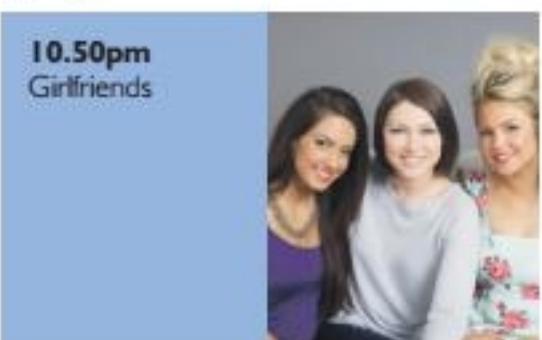
**BBC 2**

**6.30pm** Great American Railroad Journeys

**7.15am** Antiques Road Trip  
**8.00am** Celebrity Antiques Road Trip  
**9.00am** Victoria Derbyshire  
**11.00am** BBC Newsroom Live

**12.00pm** The Daily Politics  
**1.00pm** Bowls  
**4.45pm** Tennis  
**5.30pm** Flog It!

**6.00pm** Eggheads  
**6.30pm** Great American Railroad Journeys  
**7.00pm** Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby  
**8.00pm** Sue Perkins and the Chimp Sanctuary  
**9.00pm** House of Saud: A Family at War  
**10.00pm** Inside No 9  
**10.30pm** Newsnight  
**11.15pm** NFL  
**12.05am** Bowls  
**1.05am** Surgeons: At the Edge of Life  
**2.05am** The Real Marigold on Tour

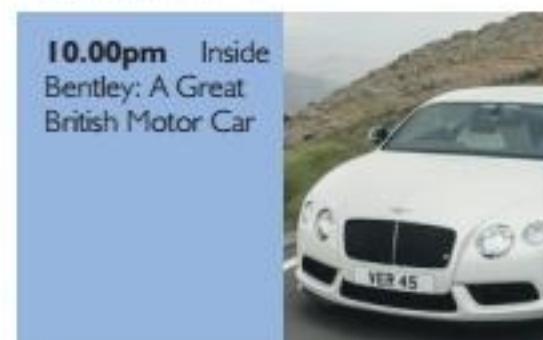
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**10.50pm** Girlfriends

**8.30am** Lorraine  
**9.25am** The Jeremy Kyle Show  
**10.30am** This Morning

**12.30pm** Loose Women  
**1.30pm** ITV Lunchtime News  
**1.55pm** ITV News London  
**2.00pm** Judge Rinder  
**3.00pm** Dickinson's Real Deal  
**4.00pm** Tipping Point  
**5.00pm** The Chase

**6.00pm** ITV News London  
**6.30pm** ITV Evening News  
**7.00pm** Emmerdale  
**7.30pm** The National Television Awards 2018  
**10.00pm** ITV News at Ten and Weather  
**10.35pm** ITV News London  
**10.50pm** Girlfriends  
**11.50pm** Transformation Street  
**12.40am** Jackpot247  
**3.00am** Loose Women  
**3.50am** ITV Nightscreen  
**5.05am** The Jeremy Kyle Show  
**6.00am** Good Morning Britain

**Channel 4**

**10.00pm** Inside Bentley: A Great British Motor Car

**7.10am** 3rd Rock from the Sun  
**7.35am** Everybody Loves Raymond  
**8.30am** Frasier  
**10.05am** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
**11.00am** Sun, Sea and Selling Houses

**12.00pm** Channel 4 News  
**12.05pm** Couples Come Dine with Me  
**1.05pm** Posh Pawn  
**2.10pm** Countdown  
**3.00pm** Village of the Year  
**4.00pm** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun  
**5.00pm** Four in a Bed  
**5.30pm** Extreme Cake Makers

**6.00pm** The Simpsons  
**6.30pm** Hollyoaks  
**7.00pm** Channel 4 News  
**8.00pm** The Secret Life of the Zoo  
**9.00pm** 24 Hours in A and E  
**10.00pm** Inside Bentley: A Great British Motor Car  
**11.00pm** Before We Die  
**12.15am** Naked Attraction  
**1.10am** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
**2.00am** How to Lose Weight Well  
**3.00am** The Secrets of Sleep  
**3.55am** Coast v Country

**Channel 5**

**12.15pm** The Hotel Inspector

**8.20am** Rusty Rivets  
**8.35am** Shimmer and Shine  
**8.55am** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom  
**9.05am** Mofy  
**9.15am** The Wright Stuff  
**11.15am** Cowboy Builders

**12.10pm** 5 News Lunchtime  
**12.15pm** The Hotel Inspector  
**1.05pm** Access  
**1.15pm** Home and Away  
**1.45pm** Neighbours  
**2.15pm** NCIS  
**3.15pm** Dance Night Obsession  
**5.00pm** 5 News at 5  
**5.30pm** Neighbours

**6.00pm** Home and Away  
**6.30pm** 5 News Tonight  
**7.00pm** Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh  
**8.00pm** Diet Secrets and How to Lose Weight  
**9.00pm** Celebrity Big Brother  
**10.00pm** One Night with My Ex  
**11.05pm** Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side  
**12.05am** Celebrity Big Brother  
**1.00am** Super Casino  
**3.10am** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords

**Wednesday January 24<sup>th</sup>****TOP TV****MORNING****AFTERNOON****EVENING****BBC 1**

**9.00pm** Miriam's Big American Adventure

**9.15am** Rip Off Britain  
**10.00am** Homes Under the Hammer  
**11.00am** Wanted Down Under  
**11.45am** A1: Britain's Longest Road

**12.15pm** Bargain Hunt  
**1.00pm** BBC News at One  
**1.30pm** Regional News and Weather  
**1.45pm** Doctors  
**2.15pm** Father Brown  
**3.00pm** Escape to the Country  
**3.45pm** The Farmers' Country Showdown  
**4.30pm** Antiques Road Trip  
**5.15pm** Pointless

**6.00pm** BBC News at Six  
**6.30pm** Regional News and Weather  
**7.00pm** The One Show  
**8.00pm** EastEnders  
**8.30pm** Would I Lie to You?  
**9.00pm** Miriam's Big American Adventure  
**10.00pm** BBC News at Ten  
**10.30pm** Regional News and Weather  
**10.45pm** A Question of Sport  
**11.15pm** And They're Off... for Sport Relief  
**12.00am** Weather for the Week Ahead  
**12.05am** BBC News

**BBC 2**

**10.00pm** Mock the Week

**7.15am** Antiques Road Trip  
**8.00am** Fern Britton Meets...  
**9.00am** Victoria Derbyshire  
**11.00am** BBC Newsroom Live  
**11.30am** The Daily Politics

**1.00pm** Lifeline  
**1.10pm** Bowls  
**4.45pm** Tennis  
**5.30pm** Flog It!

**6.00pm** Eggheads  
**6.30pm** Great American Railroad Journeys  
**7.00pm** Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby  
**8.00pm** Tom Kerridge's Lose Weight for Good  
**8.30pm** Trust Me, I'm a Doctor  
**9.00pm** Stealing Van Gogh  
**10.00pm** Mock the Week  
**10.30pm** Newsnight  
**11.15pm** Inside the Factory  
**12.15am** Bowls  
**1.15am** Michael Palin: A Life on Screen

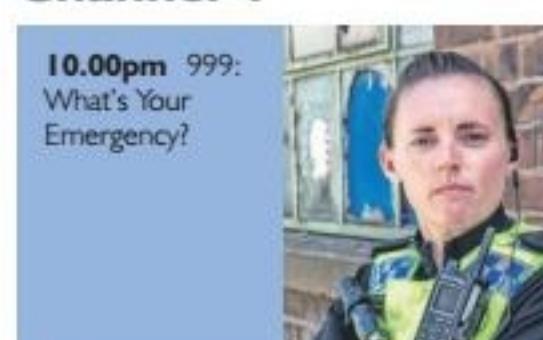
**ITV**

**5.00pm** The Chase

**8.30am** Lorraine  
**9.25am** The Jeremy Kyle Show  
**10.30am** This Morning

**12.30pm** Loose Women  
**1.30pm** ITV Lunchtime News  
**1.55pm** ITV News London  
**2.00pm** Judge Rinder  
**3.00pm** Dickinson's Real Deal  
**4.00pm** Tipping Point  
**5.00pm** The Chase

**6.00pm** ITV News London  
**6.25pm** Party Political Broadcast  
**6.30pm** ITV Evening News  
**7.00pm** Emmerdale  
**7.30pm** Coronation Street  
**8.00pm** Britain's Brightest Family  
**8.30pm** Coronation Street  
**9.00pm** Girlfriends  
**10.00pm** ITV News at Ten and Weather  
**10.30pm** ITV News London  
**10.45pm** The Danish Girl  
**12.55am** Jackpot247  
**3.00am** Tenable  
**3.50am** ITV Nightscreen

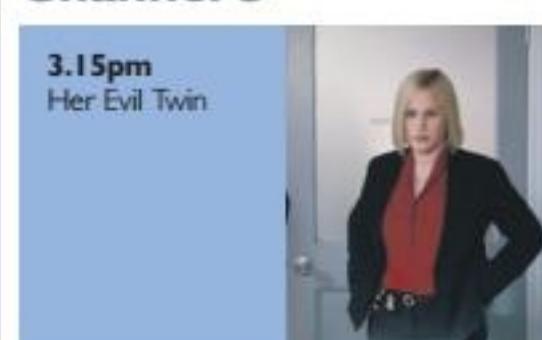
**Channel 4**

**10.00pm** 999: What's Your Emergency?

**7.10am** 3rd Rock from the Sun  
**7.35am** Everybody Loves Raymond  
**8.30am** Frasier  
**10.05am** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
**11.00am** Sun, Sea and Selling Houses

**12.00pm** Channel 4 News  
**12.05pm** Couples Come Dine with Me  
**1.05pm** Posh Pawn  
**2.10pm** Countdown  
**3.00pm** Village of the Year  
**4.00pm** A Place in the Sun  
**5.00pm** Four in a Bed  
**5.30pm** Extreme Cake Makers

**6.00pm** The Simpsons  
**6.30pm** Hollyoaks  
**7.00pm** Channel 4 News  
**8.00pm** Kirstie and Phil's Love it or List it  
**9.00pm** Kiri  
**10.00pm** 999: What's Your Emergency?  
**11.05pm** 24 Hours in A and E  
**12.05am** Pokerstars Championship Cash Challenge  
**1.00am** A Fantastic Fear of Everything  
**2.40am** Dispatches  
**3.10am** Walking Through Time  
**4.10am** Location, Location, Location  
**5.05am** Coast v Country

**Channel 5**

**3.15pm** Her Evil Twin

**8.20am** Rusty Rivets  
**8.35am** Shimmer and Shine  
**8.55am** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom  
**9.05am** Mofy  
**9.15am** The Wright Stuff  
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**12.10pm** 5 News Lunchtime  
**12.15pm** The Hotel Inspector  
**1.05pm** Access  
**1.15pm** Home and Away  
**1.45pm** Neighbours  
**2.15pm** NCIS  
**3.15pm** Her Evil Twin  
**5.00pm** 5 News at 5  
**5.30pm** Neighbours

**6.00pm** Home and Away  
**6.30pm** 5 News Tonight  
**7.00pm** Police Interceptors  
**8.00pm** GP: Behind Closed Doors  
**9.00pm** Celebrity Big Brother  
**10.05pm** Celebrity Big Brother  
**10.45pm** Football on 5  
**12.10am** All New Traffic Cops  
**1.00am** Super Casino  
**3.10am** One Night with My Ex  
**4.00am** Britain's Greatest Bridges  
**4.45am** House Doctor  
**5.10am** Wildlife SOS  
**5.35am** Divine Designs

## Are Oxford's Landlords selling their Buy-To-Lets?

*Bill Cooper, co-author of The Oxford Property Blog and managing director of Martin & Co, Oxford*



I was recently reading a report by the Home website which suggested that hordes of landlords are selling their buy-to-let investments due to increasing burdens on them in the buy-to-let market. Their findings suggest the number of new properties that came onto the market nationally (for sale) jumped by 11% across the UK as a result.

Those increasing burdens include new tax rules coming in over the next 3 to 4 years and the announcement that all self-managing landlords (i.e. landlords that don't use a letting agent to look after their buy-to-let property) will soon need to register with a compulsory redress scheme to resolve tenant arguments and disputes; as Westminster wants to heighten standards in the Private Rented Sector.

Interestingly I was chatting with

a self-managed landlord from Sandford-on-Thames, when I was out socially over the festive period, who didn't realise the other recent legislation that has hit the Private Rented sector, including the 'Right to Rent' regulations which came into operation last year. Landlords now have to certify their tenants have the legal right to live in the UK. This includes checking and taking copies of their tenant's passport and valid visa before the tenancy is signed. If you use a letting agent to manage your property, they will usually sort this for you (as they will with the redress scheme when that is implemented).

If you are a self-managed landlord though, the consequences of non-compliance are severe if you let a property to a tenant who is living in the UK illegally. You will be fined



up to £3,000. That same Sandford-on-Thames landlord popped into my office last week, and I checked all his paperwork ensuring he was on the right side of the law going forward – and I offer the same to any landlord in the Oxford area if you want me to cast my eye over your buy to let matters.

But what of all these extra properties being dumped onto the market in Oxford? When I looked at the records the number of proper-

ties on the market in Oxford now, as opposed to a year ago, the numbers tell an interesting story:

Overall, Oxford does match the national trend, with the number of properties on the market increasing by 15% in the last year. It was particularly interesting to see the number of flats increase by 51%, yet the number of detached on the market drop by 14%. However, completed transactions are down year on year by 12%.

Speaking with my team and other property professionals in the city, the majority of that movement in the number of properties and the types of properties on the market isn't down to landlords dumping their properties on the market. Instead the whole market has changed in the last 12 months, with the majority of the change in the number and type of properties for sale due to the owner-occupier market, not landlords. For the last ten years, each month there has been a small number of Oxford landlords who have been releasing monies from their Oxford buy to let properties - as is the nature of all investment.

Nationally, the number of rental properties coming on to the market to rent fell by 16% in Q4 2017 compared to Q4 2016, but that isn't because there are 16% less rental properties to rent – it's because tenants are staying in their rental properties longer meaning fewer are coming on the market for re-let.

If you have a portfolio in the Oxford area and are considering selling one or more of them – please drop me a line as I might have a portfolio landlord who would be interested in buying from you.



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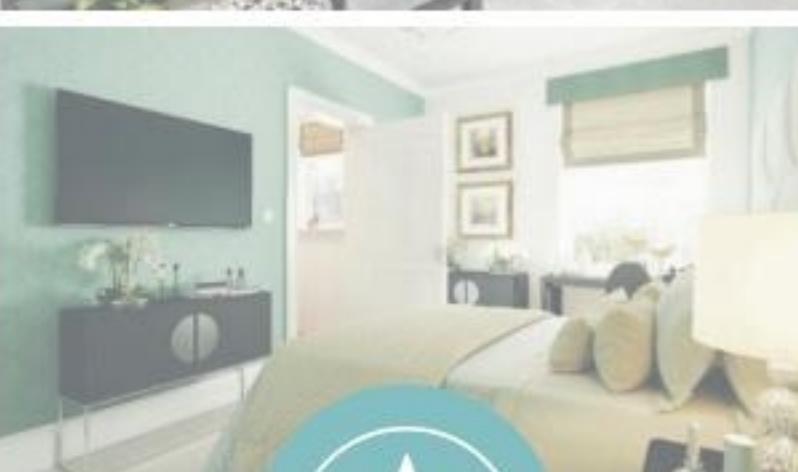
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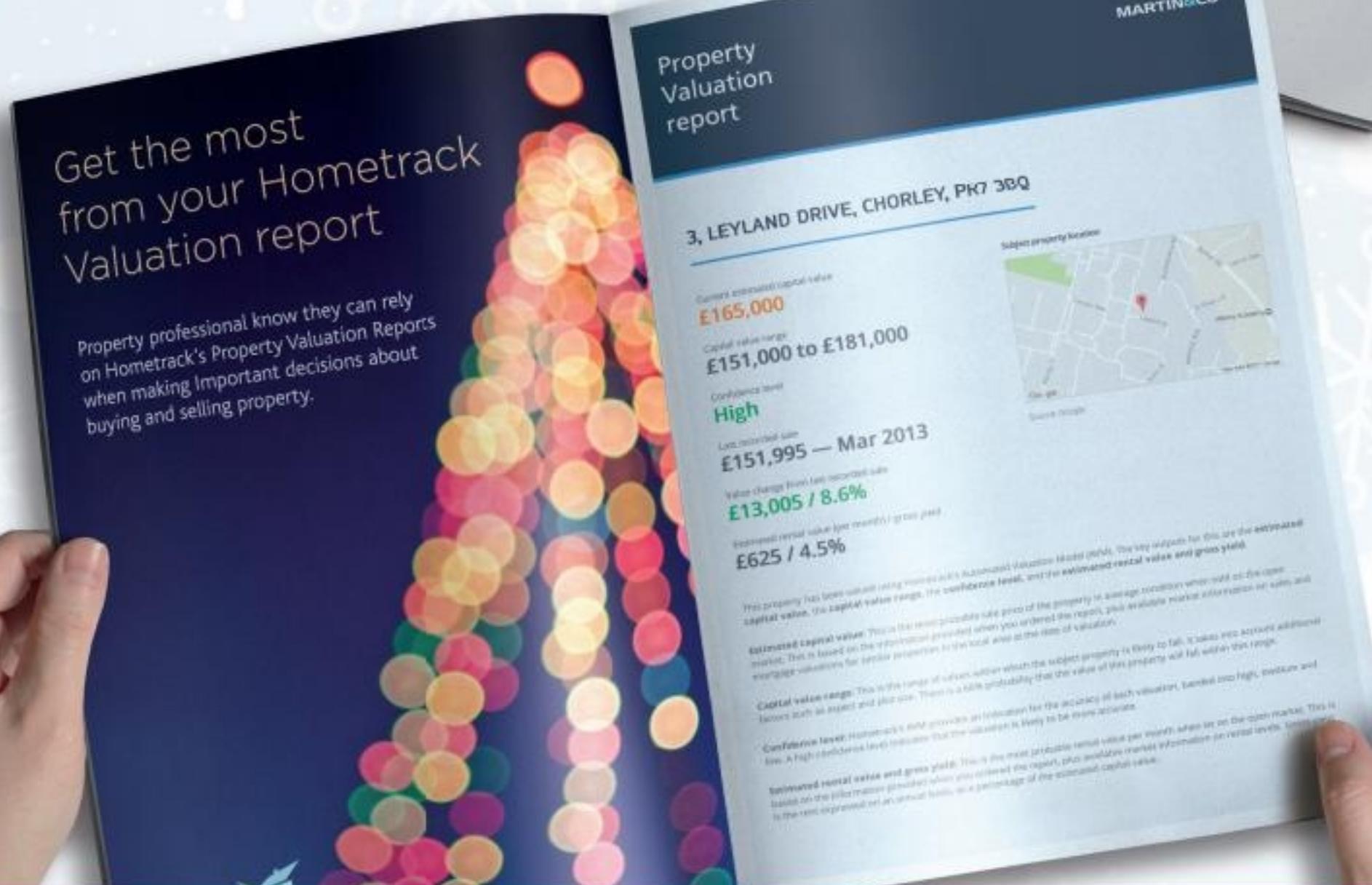
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SEAT Ibiza 1.0 TSI FR 95PS

## New Ibiza sizzles with five-star fun

By Tony Yates

Firstly, I may have already told you this, but I have always loved the little Ibiza, mainly because not only did I used to own one in FR trim - but also because for me it's just a brilliant little hot hatch. There you go, review done!

Ok, not quite. Although, if you just happen to be looking for a great car that has everything thrown in for a decent price - then look no further than the Seat Ibiza FR.

So, let's quickly move on with this week's review of the newly updated Ibiza FR before I give up and decide to go out for a drive instead.

### Power & efficiency

The Ibiza FR I currently have on test is powered by a 95PS, 1.0 TSI petrol engine with a 5-speed manual gearbox and a respectable top speed of around 113mph. It also has no less than 175Nm of torque, plus a 0-62 time of 10.9 seconds. Fuel consumption is also very good. Without going economy

crazy, I did manage a combined figure of around 50mpg.

### On the road

I like the way the Ibiza handles - it feels well balanced, and so it should as its designed to be a proper little hot hatch. Also, when the road gets twisty it's more than capable of holding its own. The steering also feels light and agile. It's no exaggeration for me to say that I think the new Ibiza is a proper little racer.

Yes, 95PS is not a lot, but it feels fun to drive and it sticks firmly to the road ahead which has always been the case with the Ibiza. To be honest, I was a little worried that it may have lost some of its fun factors, but I needn't have worried - because it's just as much fun as it's always been.

### Equipment, safety & technology

Inside: As with all Seat's, the interior is of a good standard - but, as I



have said many times, Seat is a part of VW group, so it will last till the end of time. The seating does feel a tad hard but it was in FR trim so it's a little sportier. But, saying that, even after

a long journey I still felt very relaxed. As for all the dials and switches - they are laid out very well and nothing looks awkwardly out of place or fussy.

Some of the standard equipment

on the FR trim includes; electronic traction control, front assist, drivers airbag, passengers airbag with de-activation switch, Isofix preparation, front and rear side curtain airbags, air conditioning, front electric windows with one-touch on two windows, power steering: electric speed-proportional, sports seats, sports suspension, twin exhaust pipes and cruise control.

Plus it doesn't stop there either - you also get; a DAB radio and a large 8" glass touchscreen to control Apple CarPlay, Android Auto and Mirror Link. There are of course loads more features, but I will let the salesman explain about that in even more detail.

### To sum up

I'm going to give the Ibiza five stars in this test (which is rare for me and a first for 2018), not only because I like it a lot, but because I believe it's worth it. Next time you're out and about looking for a new sporty little hatch, try out the fantastic little Ibiza first. I promise you, it's fun, fun, fun.

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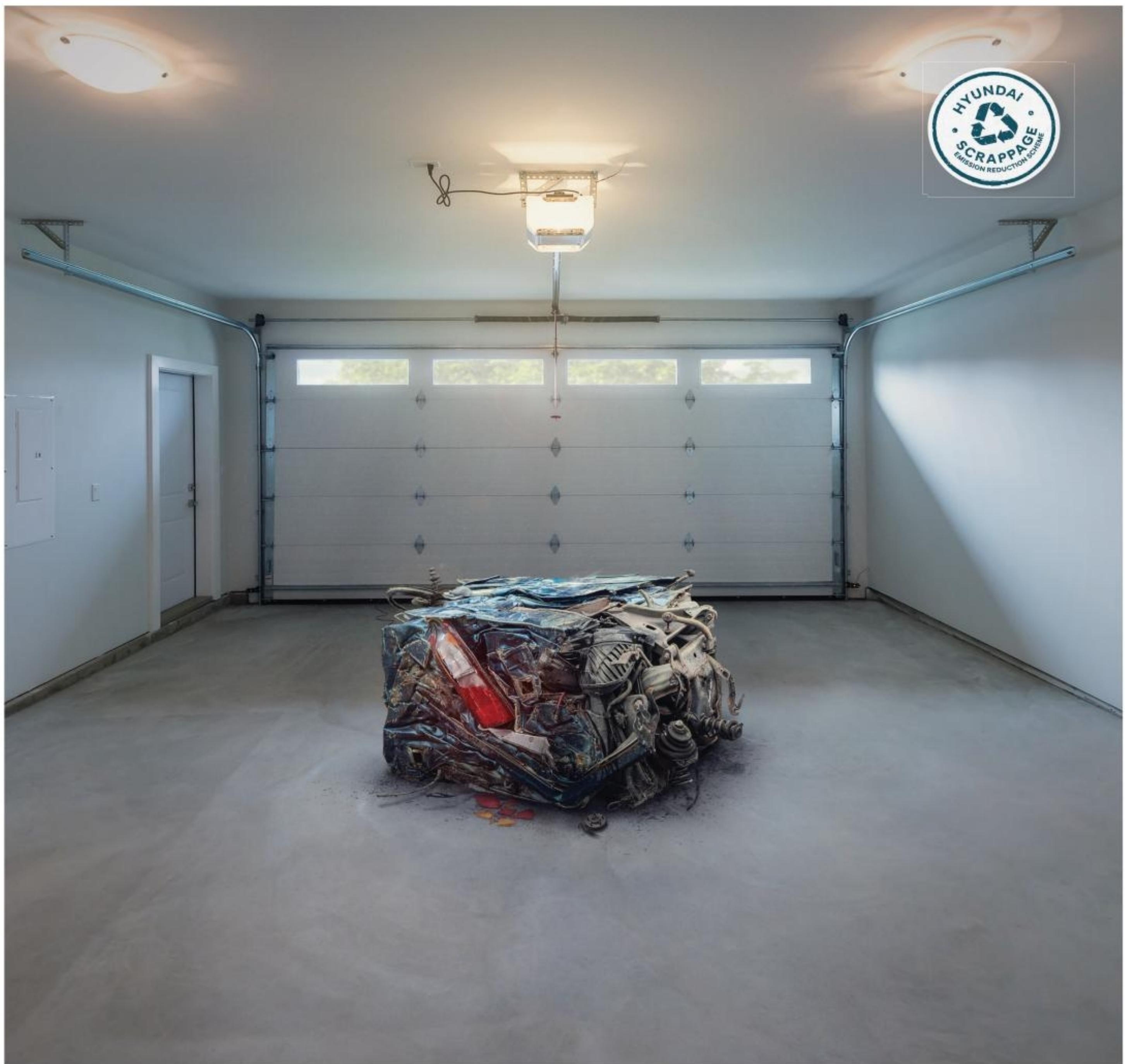
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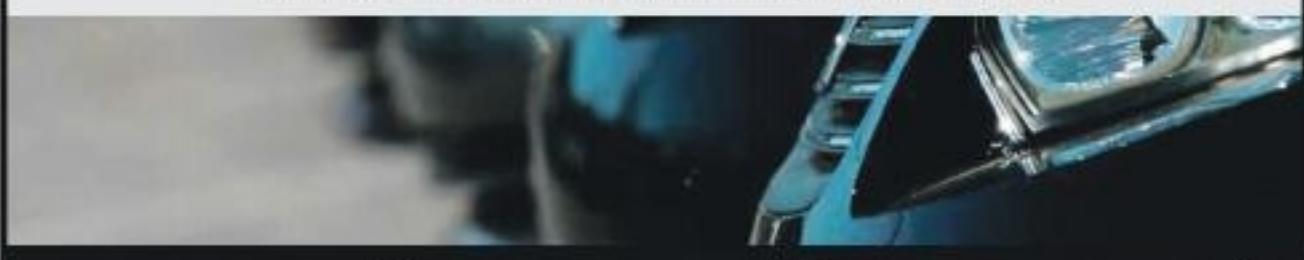
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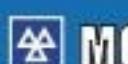
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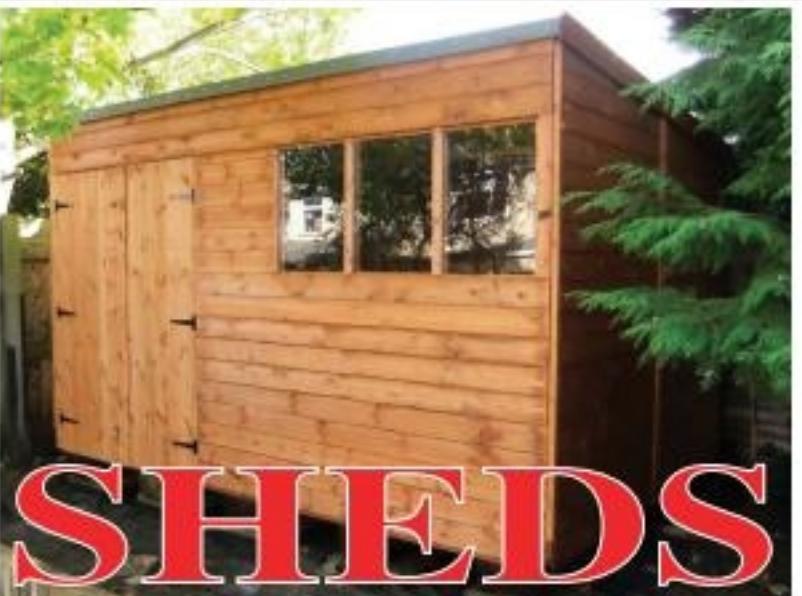
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# Young drivers on the grid for Williams and Kubica reserve

By George Welch

## F1 - Williams

RUSSIAN driver Sergey Sirokin has pipped Robert Kubica to the final seat on the 2018 Formula One grid at Williams.

But Kubica has taken a significant step towards his ambition of making a return to the sport by taking on the role of reserve driver at the Grove based outfit.

Williams selected Sirokin as a race driver to partner Canadian Lance Stroll after deciding the 22-year-old out-performed Kubica, 33, during tests last autumn.

Sirokin said: "To say I'm happy and proud to join such a famous team like Williams is an understatement.

"It took a huge amount of work to get where I am, and I'm really happy and thankful to everyone involved."

Sirokin's partnership with 19-year-old Stroll will form the least experienced line-up on the grid when the season starts on March 25 in Melbourne and Williams have received criticism for recruiting two



Lance Stroll, left, will be partnered by Sergey Sirokin at Williams for the 2018 season, while Robert Kubica will be reserve driver for the Grove based team. Pictures: Williams Martini Racing

'pay drivers'.

Through the eyes of some, the pair, who are believed to have a budget of well over £10m each, owe their position to the amount of money they can bring to the team.

But Williams have emphasised the credentials of both drivers.

Chief technical officer Paddy Lowe said: "We have conducted a rigorous and exhaustive driver evaluation process. Ultimately, Sergey impressed

the team with his driving pace and talent, technical feedback and work ethic, both at the factory and trackside in Abu Dhabi.

"Lance will be going into his second season with us, after notable achievements in his rookie year."

Meanwhile, Kubica has been named as reserve driver – seven years after suffering a serious crash.

The Pole only has partial movement in his right arm as a consequence of



the injuries he suffered in a rally in Italy in February 2011.

The former BMW Sauber and Renault driver said: "I feel in the best physical shape that I have ever been,

but it has taken a lot of work to get to where I am now, so I'd like to thank Williams for the opportunities they have given me so far.

"My ultimate goal is to race again in Formula One and this is another important step in that direction."

## Hopes dented by second lap crash in Marrakesh



Alex Lynn's chances were dashed by an early accident

Picture: DS Virgin Racing

## Formula E

ALEX Lynn was left wondering what could have been after a second lap collision dented his chances of a high scoring finish at round three of Formula E in Marrakesh.

The Oxford based DS Virgin Racing driver brought his car home in ninth place to scoop two points, adding to his six points at the opening two rounds in Hong Kong last month.

This was despite a coming together with Audi driver Daniel Abt early on.

Abt received a drive-through penalty – but Lynn's race was ruined.

After managing to recover to claim his ninth-placed finish, Lynn said: "This weekend promised a lot but

sadly we didn't come away with all the points we deserved. We were in the fight during the race but unfortunately it was ruined by another driver which put paid to what we should have scored."

Lynn's team-mate Sam Bird crossed the line for a handy 15 points.

Lynn is 13th in the driver standings on eight points, while Bird is second on 50 points, trailing four points behind pacesetter Felix Rosenqvist (Mahindra Racing).

Virgin are second in the driver standings on 58 points, 17 points behind leaders Mahindra.

The all-electric Formula E championship is next in action on February 3 at the inaugural Santiago E-Prix in Chile.

No disgrace in loss to champ

## Darts

DETA Hedman will have to wait another year to try and win her first BDO world championship crown after losing in the semi-finals to Lisa Ashton, writes Adam Flinn.

The Oxfordshire county player was beaten two sets to nil by the eventual title winner, although it was a much closer match than the scoreline suggested.



Number one seed Hedman made a flying start to the game, checking out 118 in the first leg and following that up by taking the second.

It looked as if the Dark Destroyer would wrap up the first set without reply, but the 58-year-old missed doubles to clinch it and Ashton got her first leg on the board.

This woke up the reigning champion and she came back to win three legs on the spin to pinch the first set.

Hedman was faltering and lost the first two legs of the second set, leaving Ashton only one away from victory.

The match wasn't over yet though and Hedman found some form at the right time to level things up, hitting her first 180 of the evening along the way.

But needing to win the final leg to take the game into a third set, Hedman missed double top and Ashton cleared up from 25 to advance to the final and ultimately win the world championship for the fourth time.

## Eddie's ready to tee off 2018

## Golf

FRILFORD Heath golfer Eddie Pepperell looks to continue his scintillating form from last year when he kicks off the 2018 season in Abu Dhabi today.

The 26-year-old from Abingdon begins his season at the HSBC Championship.

Pepperell said on his blog: "The field in Abu Dhabi this week is strong and it's going to be awesome teeing off on the opposite side of the course to the big guns."

"All seriousness aside though, it's worth taking a look to see where the field has gone down to."

"In 2013 when I was the 12th card from the Challenge Tour I ended up first reserve for Abu Dhabi and got into Dubai."

"Nobody from the Challenge Tour category is likely to play Abu Dhabi, Dubai or Malaysia this year."

"I don't know exactly why this is, but it's a bit of an issue for the Tour in my opinion."

Pepperell secured eight top-10 finishes and finished tied for 16th place at the US Open last year.

Pepperell tees off at 8am (4am GMT) with Ashun Wu and Alejandro Canizares.



Ben Watson is one of nine athletes on the team to have experienced a Commonwealth Games before

## Weightlifter hopes to shine in the Games on the Gold Coast

## Weightlifting

DIDCOT weightlifter Ben Watson will be going for gold after being called up to Team England for April's Commonwealth Games in Australia.

The 18-strong Weightlifting and Para-Powerlifting squad will compete for 'team and country' when the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games get under way at the Carrara Sports and Leisure Centre from April 5.

The St Birinus Club weightlifter captained the England team when he took bronze at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

Watson is now looking forward to getting out to Australia and competing having come back from a shin injury.

He said: "I am training hard to get myself in the strongest possible shape, so this announcement has come as a timely boost to my training."

British Weightlifting chief executive officer Ashley Metcalfe said: "Our squad is a real blend of new and experienced lifters, highlighting the true breadth and depth of talent currently available in England."

"It is hugely exciting and a great opportunity for all the squad to showcase their talents, all ahead of a home Games in 2022."

Team England will send around 600 athletes and staff to the Commonwealth Games in what will be England's largest ever team to represent the nation in an overseas sporting event.

**Sport**

# 'We just weren't good enough'

By George Welch

## Oxford City

A 'FUMING' Mark Jones held no punches as he pummelled his Oxford City players in the wake of an appalling 1-0 home defeat to bottom of the table Whitehawk.

The Hoops wasted the opportunity to put a 10-point cushion between themselves and the relegation zone as the Hawks, now on 11 points, picked up only their second win of the campaign.

Gold Omotayo's free kick for the visitors just before the hour was enough to secure an important three points in Whitehawk's great escape from relegation.

And Jones, as honest and open as ever, delivered a brutal post-match verdict, saying: "I'm absolutely fuming with that performance."

"We try to be positive as staff and we've praised the players a lot this year. We've had some good and low moments this year but that was an extremely low moment for us."

"Whitehawk have picked up recently but there's no excuses – that was a poor performance."

"We looked weak at times and it's a

poor, poor day for us. I'm struggling to find any positives. It wasn't good enough."

Jones questioned his players' quality and desire, although he did praise a "great" debut for goalkeeper Craig King, who was drafted in last week after Oxford United recalled Jack Stevens.

City fans were leaving long before the final whistle but the performance and result were difficult for Jones to digest too.

He said: "I've got to take responsibility and the way I'm feeling at the moment it's hard to look to the next game I'm that down. Perhaps we're just not quite good enough to produce consistent performances every week."

"I'm feeling very low and I'm a very disappointed guy."

Jones admitted the last two home performances – a 3-0 defeat against Gloucester City and the 1-0 loss to Whitehawk – have been nowhere near good enough.

It might be a blessing in disguise then that City, who have failed to find the back of the net in their last three matches at Court Place Farm, pay a visit to East Thurrock United (12th) on Saturday.



Christian Oxlade-Chamberlain goes on a run. Picture: Michael Allen

## Railwaymen mark Ballard's anniversary by netting four

### Evo Stik round-up

DIDCOT Town marked manager Andy Ballard's 100th game in charge with an emphatic 4-0 home win against Cirencester Town.

The Railwaymen are up to fifth and back in the Evo-Stik South West play-offs, with Saturday's win extending their unbeaten run to six matches.

It took the hosts just 70 seconds to go ahead after Brazilian striker Felipe Barcelos, playing against his former club, rounded Cirencester keeper Matuesz Wierczorek to fire into an empty net.

Diddy doubled their lead soon after as George Reid fired home into the top corner.

The visitors were unable to test the solid Didcot backline, despite having

the league's top scorer and former Town striker Ben Whitehead upfront.

Reid fired home for his second, and the hosts' third, to put the game to bed straight after the restart.

The icing was put on the cake in the last minute of the game when Barcelos notched his brace after being put through.

It was a less successful weekend for Kidlington, North Leigh and, in the

East division, Thame United.

A solitary Troy Simpson strike against the run of play was enough for Bristol Manor Farm to steal a 1-0 victory against Kidlington.

North Leigh lost 2-0 at Salisbury on Saturday and 3-1 at Cirencester on Tuesday.

Thame dropped two positions to 11th after losing 1-0 at home to Hayes & Yeading United.

## Freds race to another win with four goals against Ascot

### Hellenic round-up

A SECOND half rout helped Wantage Town to a second successive 4-0 win.

Having eased past Lydney Town the previous week away from home, the Freds notched up another four goals, this time at home to Ascot United.

But it took until the away side were reduced to 10 men at the end of a goalless first half for the promotion hopefuls to get in front.

Dan Comer scored four minutes after the restart to get the Freds up and running.

Jack Dunmall (52 minutes) and Steve Robertson (56) made the points safe before the hour mark and Sam

Shepperd added extra gloss to the result with a 74th minute strike.

Elsewhere in the Hellenic Premier division, Abingdon United extended their winless run to five games with a 2-0 defeat at Tuffley Rovers. They took on league leaders Highworth Town last night.

Oxford City Nomads made it four wins on the bounce with a 3-1 victory

at Fairford Town on Saturday.

Sami Khawaja (57), Bradley Singh (69) and Kyreece Martei (88) bagged the second half goals for the development side.

But the winning streak was halted with a 3-2 home defeat to Flackwell Heath on Tuesday. Martei and Connor Mattimore found the target for City in the first half.

## Stars shine brightly with 14-0 victory against Huskies

### Ice hockey

ANOTHER one-sided triumph helped Oxford City Stars back to winning ways as they trounced Haringey Huskies 14-0 at home on Sunday.

Josh Florey netted a hat-trick while Michael Whillock, Theo Bundo, Conor Redmond, Kamil Kinkor and Joe Edwards contributed with braces.

Joshua Oliver added a goal of his own as the stars scored seven or more goals in a match for the 13th time this season.

The win was as convincing as it was desperately needed – Stars lost to their closest rivals Bracknell Hornets in their previous match meaning the

South2 title race could go to the wire. With the exception of the Berkshire side, no other team has come close to the Stars this season and their quality was exemplified by another high-scoring affair at the weekend.

Kinkor, Florey, Bundo, Oliver and Whillock all scored in the opening 20 minutes for a 5-0 lead.

Kenny Redmond's side took their foot off the gas in the middle period as Florey celebrated his second and Conor Redmond opened his account for the afternoon.

Seven goals followed in the final period – including Florey's third – as a rampant Oxford eased to victory.

City travel to Swindon Wildcats II on Saturday.



Kamil Kinkor scored twice as Oxford City Stars ran riot against Haringey Huskies. Picture: Paul Foster

**Vanarama National League South**  
Saturday 13 January  
**Oxford City** 0-1 Whitehawk

**Evo-Stik South Premier**  
Saturday 13 January  
**Bishop's Stortford** 0-5 **Banbury United**  
Tuesday 16 January  
**Redditch United** 2-2 **Banbury United**

**Evo-Stik South East**  
Saturday 13 January  
**Thame United** 0-1 Hayes & Yeading United

**Evo-Stik South West**  
Saturday 13 January  
**Bristol Manor Farm** 1-0  
**Kidlington**  
**Didcot Town** 4-0 **Cirencester Town**  
**Salisbury** 2-0 **North Leigh**  
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Saturday 13 January  
**Fairford Town** 1-3 **Oxford City Nomads**  
**Tuffley Rovers** 2-0 **Abingdon United**  
**Wantage Town** 4-0 **Ascot United**  
Tuesday 16 January  
**Oxford City Nomads** 2-3  
**Flackwell Heath**  
Wednesday 17 January  
**Highworth Town v Abingdon United**  
(result after going to press)

## Injury time goal agony denies Puritans point

### Banbury United

A LATE equaliser deep into stoppage time dashed Banbury United's hopes of moving to within a point of the Southern Premier League play-offs.

Stuart Fleetwood struck for Redditch United in the 92nd minute as Banbury failed to hold on to their 2-1 lead on Tuesday.

The Puritans had fought back from a goal down at half time to take the lead.

It looked as if United had done enough for the win after goals from Ricky Johnson (50 minutes) and Tom Bradbury (72) put the away side in control.

But Fleetwood's late diving header made sure the points were shared.

The draw followed Saturday's emphatic 5-0 win at Bishops Stortford.

The Puritans were 3-0 up within 32 minutes as Elliot Sandy (6 & 30) netted a brace and a Conor McDonagh (32) goal from close range put Mike Ford's side firmly in the ascendency.

Impressive Banbury were totally dominant and it was only a matter of time before the lead was stretched further.

The fourth goal duly arrived on 58 minutes when Luke Carnell converted from a corner.

Substitute Tom Winters drove home a powerful effort on 76 minutes to round off the comfortable win.

United host Basingstoke Town on Saturday.

# Two new youngsters will be 'an excellent fit' for U's

By George Welch

YOUNG and hungry players are the flavour of the month for Oxford United boss Pep Clotet, who has added 21-year-old midfielder Cameron Brannagan and 19-year-old winger Isaac Buckley-Ricketts to his armoury.

The U's completed the double signing last week, with Brannagan signing for an undisclosed fee from Liverpool and Buckley-Ricketts joining on a loan deal from Manchester City until the end of the season.

The duo join 21-year-old centre back Rob Dickie, who signed from Reading for an undisclosed fee, in making the move to the Kassam Stadium.

Manchester-born Brannagan, who joins on a three and a half year deal, was at Anfield from the age of five and has made three senior appearances, as well as representing England at Under-18 and 20 levels.

The youngster played 14 times while on loan at Fleetwood Town last season as the Cod Army reached the League One play-offs.

Clotet described long-term target Brannagan as a player with "huge potential".

"He has excellent technique, a good understanding of the game and a real hunger to do well," he added.

"One thing I really liked when I spoke to him was his ambition to play and come here and show people what he can do."

"We believe that he will be an excellent fit for what we are building here."

Brannagan added that, while it was a struggle leaving his boyhood club after such a long time, Oxford's playing style was enough to tempt him away from Merseyside.



Cameron Brannagan has joined on a three and a half year deal from Liverpool, while Isaac Buckley-Ricketts is on loan to United until the end of the season from Manchester City. Pictures: OUFC



Joining Brannagan from the north west is Buckley-Ricketts.

The teenager, who made six appearances on loan at FC Twente earlier this term, can play out wide or through the middle.

He, like Brannagan, has represented England at youth level but, unlike Brannagan, was part

of the Under-19 side that won the European Championship in Georgia last summer.

Clotet described his newest addition as an 'exciting, fast and skilful' player.

None of Oxford's trio of signings played in Saturday's 2-1 defeat at Walsall, although Dickie was on the bench.

## Shake up at Shakers means rethink for Pep

PEP Clotet will have to re-evaluate his strategy ahead the visit of Bury at the weekend after the Greater Manchester side sacked their manager.

The Shakers, rooted to the foot of League One, sacked boss Chris Lucketti and his assistant Joe Parkinson on Monday.

The pair, only appointed in November following Lee Clark's departure, oversaw eight defeats in their 10 games in charge.

Bury picked up four points under Lucketti and have failed to score in their last eight league matches.

Lucketti's sacking means United face a Bury side on Saturday under different stewardship, with Ryan Lowe and Ryan Kidd put in temporary charge until the end of the season.

Bury prop up the table, 12 points from safety, and their convincing 3-0 win over Oxford in September is one of a mere four wins all campaign.

The Shakers have former U's

players Chris Maguire, Connor Ripley, Zeli Ismail, Phil Edwards and Joe Skarz in their ranks.

■ Fans can quiz Oxford United chairman Darryl Eales and Clotet when the club hosts a fans' forum in March.

The event will be held at Oxford City's Court Place Farm on Thursday, March 1.

Entrance is free and the bar will be open from 6.30pm, with the forum starting at 7pm.

## Chelsea youngsters up next in Checkatrade

OXFORD United will face Premier League giants Chelsea's academy side in the quarter-final of the Checkatrade Trophy.

The sides will meet for the second year in a row when they clash at Stamford Bridge on Tuesday.

It follows an historic fixture last season when the pair played out the longest penalty shootout in English football history in November 2016.

The 1-1 draw that night was enough for the U's to progress from the

group stage, en route to another Wembley final appearance, although the already-eliminated Chelsea youngsters came out victorious in a 13-12 shoot-out win.

Pep Clotet's men will want to secure their passage into the last four within the 90 minutes however, unlike against Charlton Athletic in the last round earlier this month.

As we went to press the Blues were one of two academy sides remaining in this season's competition.

Leicester's academy side play Wednesday night.

Oxford have reached the EFL Trophy final in each of the past two seasons, losing to Barnsley in 2016 and then Coventry City a year later.

Prices for the Chelsea game are cut to £5 for adults and £3 for 65s and over and under 20s.

Fans are reminded that kick off is at 7.30pm and there won't be any tickets on sale at Stamford Bridge on the evening.



Jack Payne, replaced in the 68th minute, made his final Oxford United appearance in Saturday's 2-1 defeat at Walsall. Picture: Steve Daniels

## Loan cut short as Payne joins Blackburn Rovers

CREATIVE midfielder Jack Payne has joined Blackburn Rovers after having his loan cut short by Huddersfield Town.

The playmaker joined Oxford United during the summer on a season-long loan deal, but the Premier League newbies activated a clause to recall the 23-year-old in the winter window.

Payne made 34 appearances for the U's, scoring seven goals.

His departure will be seen as a major setback for Oxford boss Pep Clotet, as Payne had established himself as a key member of his side at the Kassam.

Clotet said: "Jack has been a pleasure to work with. He has shown

a lot of love for the club and for his profession and has given us a lot of good memories.

"He is a very talented footballer and Oxford have shown once again that we can help players to progress. On behalf of the club we wish Jack well for the future."

Payne said the recall came "out of the blue" but that he had "loved my time at Oxford".

"The fans have been brilliant with me and I think it is a club that will continue to move forward. It has been fantastic to be a part of it," he added.

Payne joined League One rivals Blackburn on loan until the end of the season, a day after leaving Oxford.

	SkyBet League 1	GP	GD	PTS
1	Wigan Athletic	26	38	57
2	Shrewsbury Town	26	16	54
3	Blackburn Rovers	26	24	52
4	Scunthorpe United	27	15	50
5	Bradford City	27	7	48
6	Charlton Athletic	27	2	43
7	Portsmouth	27	3	42
8	Rotherham United	27	9	41
9	Peterborough United	27	6	40
10	Oxford United	28	2	38
11	Fleetwood Town	27	-3	36
12	Doncaster Rovers	27	1	35
13	Plymouth Argyle	28	-5	35
14	Gillingham	27	-1	34
15	Walsall	26	-2	33
16	Blackpool	28	-4	33
17	Bristol Rovers	27	-7	33
18	Southend United	28	-15	31
19	MK Dons	27	-10	30
20	Oldham Athletic	28	-10	29
21	Northampton Town	28	-23	29
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# Saddlers' keeper helps to stitch up U's efforts

By George Welch

**Walsall 2**Amadou Bakayoko 33,  
Erhun Oztumer 48**Oxford United 1**

Alex Mowatt 70

Attendance: 4,569 (1,125 away)

A SUPERB goalkeeping performance from rookie Walsall goalkeeper Liam Roberts and some apathetic defending saw Oxford United suffer defeat for the first time in 2018.

Amadou Bakayoko and Erhun Oztumer goals in either half put the Saddlers firmly in control of this fixture, but it was the heroics of Roberts which earned the hosts a vital three points.

The home custodian developed a fine highlights reel as Joe Whitney's side took their chances – while 23-year-old Roberts ensured the U's didn't take theirs.

Alex Mowatt pulled a goal back 20 minutes from the end with a classy free kick, but this was another missed opportunity for United to develop some much-needed consistency if they are to keep up with the League One play-off pack.

The Yellows created chances a-plenty but departed the West Midlands with nothing to show for their efforts, leaving boss Pep Clotet with a familiar taste of frustration in his mouth.

Dozy defending on Oxford's part allowed Walsall to score their only real chances of the game and, while



Jon Obika has a shot saved by the legs of Walsall hero keeper Liam Roberts  
Picture: Steve Daniels

the hosts' defence struggled with the power and pace of Jon Obika, the home stopper was an imperious brick wall.

Roberts thwarted Obika and his strike partner Wes Thomas and, most impressively, tipped a James Henry 25-yard thunderbolt over the bar.

But in customary Clotet fashion, the Spaniard, although appreciative of Roberts' man of the match

performance, praised his players' performance.

"I have to value the performance of the Walsall team because they had a keeper who was man of the match," the 40-year-old said.

"I think we deserved more for our performance but we got what we got because we weren't ruthless enough in both boxes."

"We managed to create many

chances and dominate the game and when you do that and play in the opposition half but go home losing 2-1 despite causing the opposition a lot of problems you need to be worried."

He added: "I thought we controlled things on the right, on the left and in the middle and created clear chances – shots, one on ones with the keeper, a lot of crosses – but unfortunately we didn't score."

**Mowatt:** We need to make goalscoring chances count

ATTACKING midfielder Alex Mowatt was left ruining Oxford United's inconsistent form as the League One play-off hopefuls squandered a golden opportunity to build on their winning start to the year.

The 22-year-old fired in a quality free kick to halve the deficit in the 70th minute of Saturday's 2-1 defeat at lowly Walsall.

United enjoyed the lion's share of possession and the better chances – so much so that Mowatt believed the U's would kick on and win the game.

"We're disappointed with the result. We think we should have won – we had enough chances to comfortably win the game," the Leeds United loanee said.

"Once we got the first goal I thought we would go on to win the game with the amount of pressure we put on and the chances we had.

"We should have gone in two or three up in the first half but we didn't do that so we were always fighting an uphill battle.

"The goalkeeper was good today but the chances we had we should be scoring. It just wasn't our day in front of goal."

Mowatt, who could enjoy more starts in the second half of the season following Jack Payne's departure (see inside), has scored three goals – which have all come away from home – in Oxford colours.

The playmaker will continue his hunt for a Kassam goal as Oxford look to return to winning ways at home to Bury on Saturday.

The U's then travel to Stamford Bridge to take on Chelsea's academy side on Tuesday in the Checkatrade Trophy.

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